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Malkin helps in win

Evgeni Malkin had two assists and Marc Savard the game-winner in an Eastern Conference victory. **1B**

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Zuro remembered

Back in her junior high basketball days, Sasha Zuro's name caught Jeff Oliver's attention. After he met the gangly girl behind the unusual moniker, he was even more impressed. **1B**

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Fire claims BVA grads

People across the Valley are mourning the loss of Sasha Zuro and Jonathan Murt.

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Zuro

Murt

MIDDLECREEK TOWNSHIP – He was heroic – the kind of person who would throw himself into a burning building to save others.

She was a vibrant person, as loving as she was lovely.

This morning, the Belle Vernon area community as well as other Mid-Mon Valley communities, is mourning the loss of Jonathan Murt and Sasha Zuro, who died Sunday morning in a fire at a popular western Pennsylvania resort.

Belle Vernon Area High School Principal Greg Zborovancik said it did not surprise him that Murt would sacrifice his life to try and save another.

"That would be Jon," he said. "Jon was quiet, but you could see Jon being a pretty caring person."

Murt, 22, of 108 Lee Drive, Rostraver Township, and his girlfriend, Sasha Zuro, 26, of 346 Krolik Ave., Washington Township, died in a fire at the condominium in which they were staying in the Sunridge section of The Villages at Seven Springs in Middlecreek Township, Somerset County.

Zborovancik said Zuro and Murt were memorable students.

"She was an easy going, friendly kid," he said of Zuro. "She got along well with everybody.

"Sasha was known just because

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Capitol freshmen: Change difficult

Some new legislators have already given up their reform battles.

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – They were elected to the House and Senate on a tidal wave of voter disgust over the ill-starred governmental pay raise law of 2005.

Bennington

Many campaigned as reformers and painted themselves as agents of change. And with their numbers – 50 in the House, five in the Senate – the freshman class of 2007 had high hopes.

One year into their first session, their record is at most incomplete, with movement on many key bills and reform issues stalled in what looks an awful lot like partisan gridlock.

The past year did bring some changes. Both chambers revised their rules to open up the lawmaking process. There have been no more dead-of-night voting sessions, members are getting more time to read and digest legislation, and voting records are much easier to obtain.

In the House, rank-and-file members are now able to propose amendments that actually are considered rather than ruled out of order by last-minute leadership power plays.

But in terms of the heavier lifting – reforms such as a new open records law, limits on campaign donations, term limits for lawmakers or a different system of drawing legislative districts – nothing has passed so far. Only the Right-to-Know Law changes have much prospect for passing any time soon.

"It's sort of like a huge snowstorm," said Sen. Mike Folmer, R-Lebanon. "You get 50 inches dumped on your driveway and all you have is a shovel and you think, 'How am I going to clean this up?' You do it one shovelful at a time."

As for substantive legislation, the law that raised billions for roads, bridges and mass transit by tolling Interstate 80 and increasing Pennsylvania Turnpike fares is just about it, and many lawmakers want to repeal it.

Plans to shift property taxes onto sales or income taxes soon might be voted in the House. But a ban on smoking in public places is mired in conference committee, the "special session" on energy seems to be all but forgotten, and only the slightest action has occurred on health care.

Two first-year House members – Rep. Lisa Bennington, D-Allegheny, and Rep. Carl W. Mantz, R-Berks – both cited frustration at the slow pace in announcing they will not seek second terms.

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Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

A group of Elizabeth youngsters play in Duke Park. Enjoying a snowy day, from left, are Melody Gray, 10; Travis Brewer, 10; Becky Brewer, 8; Sadie Finif, 10; and China Gray, 12.

Upgrade planned for park that is heart of Elizabeth

Work also is scheduled on a maintenance shed for the Yough River Trail.

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ELIZABETH – It seems nearly everyone in Elizabeth has a treasured memory of Duke Park.

Maybe that's because its central role in the community has as much to do with the way the park has touched people's lives as its location.

Carol Hill, director of the Elizabeth Community Development Corp., said her grandfather played baseball in Duke Park when the facility featured a baseball field.

Hill said she played in the park as a child.

Elizabeth Councilwoman Margaret Fleischauer's father coached teams both at Duke Park and Elizabeth Forward High School.

The park is located between Sixth and Eighth avenues, one block from St. Michael Church.

The historic park is located within walking distance of much of Elizabeth Borough, Hill said. The First United Methodist Day Care Preschool and St. Michael School use the park most days, Hill said. The park provides amenities such small town schools otherwise would lack.

But the park must be refurbished to remain a viable resource.

The Elizabeth Community Development Corporation chose the park as a priority project because of its impact and importance in the community, Hill said.

The $60,000 project will include updated park equipment and an added garden.

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant was sought through Elizabeth Borough. State Rep. David Levdansky announced late last month the borough will receive the $48,000 grant. Elizabeth Township received a $19,000 grant through the Regional Trail Corp, to purchase approximately one acre of land adjacent to the Youghiogheny River Trail to develop a maintenance facility needed to maintain trails in Allegheny County.

> "Really, the entire community is involved. People of all ages have enjoyed the park over the years."
>
> CAROL HILL, DIRECTOR, ELIZABETH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

The Youghiogheny River Trail is designed as a nonmotorized, shared-use recreational trail for bicycling; walking; fishing and canoe access; hiking; nature study; historic appreciation; cross country skiing; picnicking; and horseback riding. More than 100 continuous miles long, the trail system extends to Meyersdale.

Duke Park has become a

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Bill could limit abortion, contraceptives

The Conscientious Objection Act would cover doctors and pharmacists, among others.

By BRAD BUMSTED
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HARRISBURG – Health care professionals would be allowed to refuse to provide contraceptive or abortion services if they do so for religious reasons or acts of conscience under a Senate bill to be introduced today.

The Conscientious Objection Act by Sen. John Eichelberger, R-Altoona, says doctors, pharmacists and other health professionals would have immunity from lawsuits.

"I intend with this bill to make it very clear that people in health care and in medical institutions would be held harmless if they for religious reasons decide not to provide procedures for abortion or contraception," Eichelberger said.

Pennsylvania's 1989 Abortion Control Act isn't clear on acts of conscience, especially regarding what Eichelberger calls "chemical abortions" such as those caused by the so-called morning-after pill.

He said chemical abortions were not prevalent when the state abortion law was passed, and as a result, pharmacists can find themselves in difficult positions.

Emergency contraception "is absolutely not an abortion," said Jeanne Clark, an activist with the National Organization for Women who previously ran the Allegheny Women's Center in East Liberty. "They take the pill to prevent pregnancy."

The morning-after pill is essentially four birth control pills

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Change (FROM PAGE ONE)

For Rep. Mike Carroll, D-Luzerne, a big surprise has been the ideological divide – not between the parties, but between people who represent cities and those with more rural districts.

"It's played out in such a way that it really is difficult to get things accomplished," Carroll said.

Despite growing up in a politically minded family, Rep. Patrick J. Harkins, D-Erie, said he was surprised that "someone will tell you to your face that they're going to vote one way and then they'll turn around and do the total opposite."

The "theatrics" surrounding last summer's budget stalemate and government shutdown rubbed Harkins the wrong way, and he has been discouraged by the level of cynicism in Harrisburg.

So is he seeking a second term?

"I wouldn't trade it for the world."

The lack of progress on reform has convinced Rep. RoseMarie Swanger, R-Lebanon, that the state needs a "people's" constitutional convention. Voters have to insist on more as well, she said.

> "It's played out in such a way that it really is difficult to get things accomplished."
>
> REP. MIKE CARROLL

"Let's face it, there are going to be some who are defeated in the upcoming elections, so you will have some new faces in Harrisburg," she said. "I think you have to keep pressing on the people this is what you want done, before they get elected up there."

Rep. Chelsa Wagner, D-Allegheny, said the diversity of ideas and the pressure of having to deal with a crush of bills and meetings while setting up and running their offices has kept her and the others busy.

Early efforts to organize the freshmen petered out after a meeting last spring at a Harrisburg hotel. At that meeting, Wagner distributed an anonymous survey looking for common ground among the freshmen on term limits, campaign finance reform, redistricting and the size of the Legislature.

The results showed they were split. Still, Wagner is encouraged by the group's first-year performance.

"There has been some change that has been made that I don't know if it would have been made if there had not been 50 new faces there," she said.

With a couple dozen retirements already announced, more new faces are on the way.

Yesteryear

Members of the Slovak Third Order of St. Francis are pictured at the diamond jubilee of St. Dominic Church in Donora in 1977. The church is now part of Our Lady of the Valley Parish. From left are Elizabeth Andras, Ann Petrisin, Ann Rusenko, Theresa Zelinsky, Mary Triscik and Mary Karnis. The photo was submitted by Mary Andras Smith, of Monessen.

Latter Day Saints leader dies

His successor likely will be the church's most senior apostle.

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah's leaders and believers mourned the death of Gordon B. Hinckley, the humble head of the Mormon church who added millions of new members and labored long to burnish the faith's image as a world religion.

Hinckley, the 15th president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died Sunday of complications arising from old age, church spokesman Mike Otterson said. He was 97.

"His leadership in humanitarian efforts around the world was matched only by his efforts in his own beloved state and community as a committed citizen," said Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, a Mormon. "He has stood as a remarkable example of selflessness, charity and humility and he will be greatly missed by all."

By tradition, at a church president's death, the church's most senior apostle is ordained within days on a unanimous vote of the Council of the Twelve Apostles. The most long-serving apostle now is Thomas S. Monson, 80.

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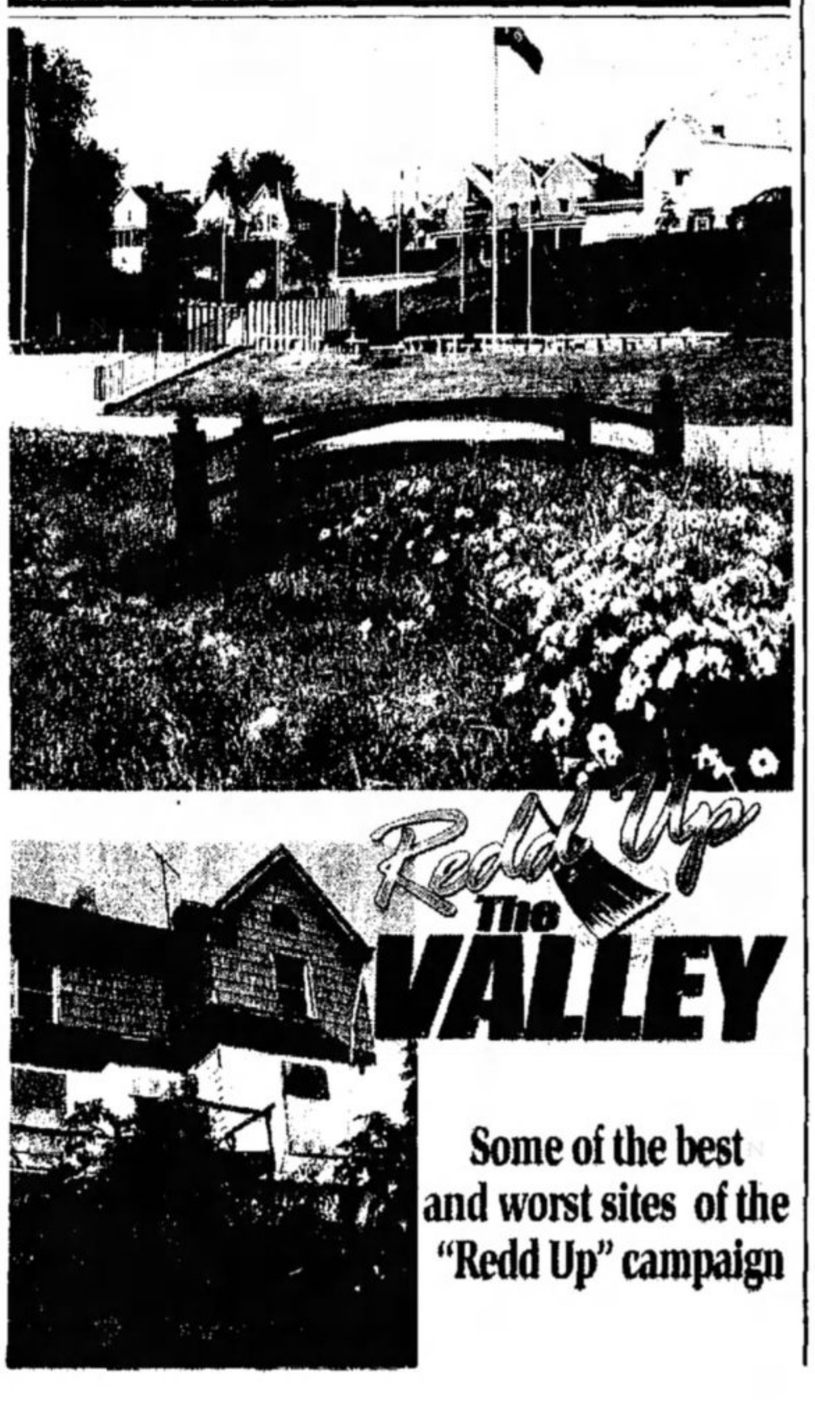

Some of the best and worst sites of the "Redd Up" campaign

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Grads (FROM PAGE ONE)

of her stature. She was a tall girl, a good basketball player, and she was friendly with everyone."

Zborovancik said that while Zuro was outgoing, Murt was more reserved.

"Jon was a great kid," the principal said. "He was a quiet boy, but he had a lot of friends. He was your kid that did what you expected of him. He was respected."

Zborovancik said many of those at the high school were grieving Monday morning.

"Everybody is just puzzled," he said. "They were two great kids. It's a shame the number of kids we've lost through the years through car accidents and things like that. It affects you every time you read about it."

Len Volpi coached Zuro as she became one of the leading basketball scorers in BVA history.

Volpi described Zuro as a standout athlete with a magnetic personality.

"She was a fun-loving girl ... very outgoing," Volpi said. "She stood out. She was tall and beautiful.

"Once you met her, you'd never forget her."

Volpi said Zuro was the second-leading scorer in team history, with more than 1,000 points and rebounds during her high school career.

The coach said the school district has been hit hard with the tragic news.

"Everybody is shocked," Volpi said.

Jim Ritter, manager of Valley First Credit Union, where Zuro had been employed for nearly five years, received word from an employee Sunday afternoon. Within minutes of the Monessen office opening this morning, Ritter had received several telephone calls from members, including one customer who said "tell me it isn't true."

"It's a very tough day here, that's for sure," Ritter said of the Monessen office. The mood of the employees was very somber this morning.

Ritter said Zuro was a fast learner.

"She was someone we were looking to go far in the organization," he said. "To me, she seemed like a fun-loving person. We'll definitely miss her here."

Claudia Norelli, loan officer at Valley First, called Zuro a "perfect" person and a very good friend.

"She was like an aunt to my kids," Norelli said. "She was there for everybody. She would have thrown everybody out of that (condo) building if she could have.

"It isn't real for her to go like this – it isn't right."

Jessica Hughes Zuraw was a fellow 1999 graduate of Belle Vernon Area and a teammate of Zuro on the basketball team.

"As beautiful as she was, she was an even more beautiful person," Zuraw said. "She was a very vibrant person who made friends with people as soon as she met them.

"This is such a horrible thing to happen to such a wonderful person. She'll be very missed.

"My heart goes out to both the families."

Chris Randall, Murt's advisor at West Virginia University, learned of the tragedy Sunday night from a televised newscast.

"He was a very nice guy," Randall said of the recent electrical engineering school graduate. "It's very sad. I'm sure he's going to be missed by a lot of people."

The fire started at 1:07 a.m. in a fireplace in the unit marked F-10 along Sunridge Drive, Somerset Copunty Coroner Wallace E. Miller said. Zuro and Murt were in that unit, authorities said.

The fire appeared to be accidental.

The building was destroyed along with five adjoining units. All other occupants were evacuated and no other injuries were reported. The condominiums are built in groups overlooking the resort's front side slopes, base facilities and hotel.

"People were saying they could see the fire from the hotel because it was burning so bright," said Nancy Shipley, a supervisor at the Sunridge section.

New Centerville & Rural volunteer fire Chief Jim Saylor, who led crews in battling the blaze, lauded firefighters who worked to prevent the fire from spreading to other condominium units, but he expressed great sadness at the deaths.

"Me and my boys are really taking this hard right now," he said of the firefighters. "I hope I can talk with the families of those kids some day, but we really did all we could. This is the biggest condo fire at this resort in 20 years."

Saylor said an untimely vehicle accident on Village Road delayed firefighters by about 25 minutes on their eight-mile trip to the scene. He said there was no way for the trucks to detour around the accident.

"By the time we got there, the flames had already shot through the roof," Saylor said. "Fires at those rowhouse condos are really hard to fight depending on which way the wind is blowing."

Crews were able to beat the fire back by 3 a.m. and evacuate about 15 people occupying other units in the structure, including 12 in the neighboring unit, Saylor said.

Police did not identify the owner of the condo where the fire began. Several units were occupied by renters.

"We were out late and when we got back we couldn't get through, and we first thought it was our place," said Jeff Kinnamon, 44, of Maryland, who rented unit D-8 with his wife and three sons. "It's such a shame that it turned deadly."

The resort made accommodations for the Kinnamon family and other evacuees.

Firefighters from the Seven Springs fire department were at the scene yesterday afternoon extinguishing hot spots.

"We certainly extend our deepest sympathies to the affected families and the firefighters who had to go out at night," Seven Springs spokesman Bob Duppstadt said.

Saylor said the buildings had working smoke detectors but no sprinkler systems.

"The crews had to cut the roof open to keep the fire from running any further because there weren't any built-in firestops in the roof area," Saylor said.

Zuro, a 1999 Belle Vernon Area School District graduate, met Murt two months ago, said Veronica Michleski, who owned the Krolik Avenue home Zuro occupied.

She described Zuro as "larger than life."

"She was a 6-foot-2-inch, 120-pound, blonde bombshell with blue eyes, a beautiful face, a beautiful smile," Michleski said.

"She was talking to me this weekend about being with Jon. She said she'd never been happier."

Zuro's roommate, Angela Bourne, said the couple had asked her to join them and other friends at the resort this weekend.

"I've gone up with them a lot before. We go see bands at the bar and stuff and stay over. They were trying really hard to convince me to go, but I just didn't feel like it," said Bourne, 27. "They were both so happy to be going."

The tragedy was being felt at Monongahela Valley Hospital, where Murt's mother, Mary Lou, serves as assistant vice president of nursing.

"Our hospital family is shocked by this tragedy," Louis J. Panza Jr., MVH president and CEO, said.

"Many of our employees knew Jonathan and have often spoken as to what a fine young man he was. Mary Lou and her husband, Tom, were very proud of Jonathan and their loss is felt by everyone who knows and loves them. Mary Lou and Tom are warm and caring people, and Jonathan possessed those same qualities.

"Our hearts go out to the Murt family and we also offer our sincere condolences to the Zuro family. Any death is difficult to accept, but it is especially tragic to lose two young people with their lives ahead of them when they are taken from us."

The Ferguson Funeral Home Inc., Belle Vernon, is in charge of the arrangements for Zuro. The Anthony L. Massafra Funeral Home Inc., Carroll Township/Donora, is handling the arrangements for Murt.

Assisting New Centerville and Seven Springs crews were Somerset County's Somerset Borough, Bakersville, Meyersdale, Garrett, Sipesville, Rockwood and Confluence departments; Fayette County's Saltlick Township, Normalville, Springfield Township, Bullskin Township, Connellsville Township, New Haven and Everson departments; and Westmoreland County's Chestnut Ridge, Mt. Pleasant and Ligonier departments.

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Valley briefs

Elderly woman dies in blaze

CENTERVILLE – An 88-year-old woman was pronounced dead after firefighters found her inside her burning home Sunday afternoon.

Firefighters removed the body of Barbara Belovich from her home on National Avenue in Centerville and attempted resuscitation. She was pronounced dead at 4:44 p.m. at the scene, Washington County Coroner Tim Warco said.

The cause of Belovich's death is pending an autopsy, while the manner of her death is pending investigation.

Clerk shot, injured during store robbery

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Police are looking for a man who shot and injured a 72-year-old grocery store clerk during a robbery near Pittsburgh.

Authorities say Manmohan Sharma, of Ross, was shot in the abdomen during the robbery Saturday afternoon at India Market in Ross. He was taken to Allegheny General Hospital. His condition is not immediately known.

Police say the gunman entered the store, brandished a weapon, demanded money and then shot Sharma, whose family owns the store. They say it's unclear how much money was taken.

Sharma's wife and two customers were in the store at the time. They are being questioned about the shooting.

Jail death ruled suicide

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP) — The Allegheny County medical examiner says an inmate committed suicide at the county jail.

Twenty-eight-year-old Jason Kindler, of Sharpsburg, was found hanged in his cell about 4:40 p.m. Saturday.

It's not clear why Kindler was in jail.

Animal abuse hot line created

WARREN, Pa. (AP) — The Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is setting up a statewide hot line to report animal abuse.

Executive Director Howard Nelson says the hot line officially opens Friday, but calls are already being taken. The toll free number is (866) 601-SPCA.

Warren County Humane Society director Karen Kolos says the hot line will be a valuable tool.

The society says reports of animal abuse were up by 2,000 last year, to 8,000, from the year before.

Wecht trial begins today

Jury to hear opening statements in celebrity pathologist case.

By JOE MANDAK
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH — In the twilight of a long career that has involved him in the autopsies of the rich and famous, coroner Cyril Wecht finds himself for the second time fighting fraud charges back home.

Wecht, 76, is known for sometimes provocative opinions on high-profile cases including the deaths of Elvis Presley, JonBenet Ramsey and Vincent Foster.

In a trial starting today, federal prosecutors will charge that Wecht used resources from his day job as Allegheny County coroner to pursue some of his lucrative private consulting work.

That sideline could all but end if Wecht is convicted of any of the 41 pending counts — let alone the most macabre allegation: that he traded unclaimed cadavers for laboratory space at a university.

Wecht successfully staved off similar accusations in the early 1980s, when he was charged with using county morgue employees to examine slides for his private practice.

The case led to his ouster, although he would later settle a related suit for $200,000 and return in 1996 to serve a second 10-year stint as coroner. He resigned after he was indicted in January 2006.

A jury has been seated for the upcoming fraud trial, which stems from his last term in office and is expected to last about two months.

Prosecutors plan to prove that Wecht used county resources in his private business; defrauded private clients with bogus travel invoices; and submitted falsified mileage receipts to surrounding counties. His attorneys say the charges are either false or amount to minor infractions, such as the improper use of fax machines.

While the initial indictment charged 84 counts, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Stallings recently dropped more than half of them to "streamline" the case for the jury. Wecht's attorneys — led by Jerry McDevitt, the lead attorney for World Wrestling Entertainment — called the gutted indictment signs of a rush to judgment and shoddy investigating.

The trial promises to be combative, not unlike Wecht himself.

In the two years since the charges were filed, Wecht's attorneys have attacked prosecutors for their alleged political biases, although District Judge Arthur Schwab won't allow them to argue political motives to the jury.

They have even accused Schwab of bias. The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denied their request for a new judge while chiding Schwab for admitting 300,000 pages of documents into evidence over the objections of the defense.

Wecht, meanwhile, continues to be in demand as both a speaker and consultant. Prosecutors say his private practice grossed nearly $9 million from 1997 through 2004.

Even while under indictment, he has consulted on the death of Anna Nicole Smith's son, Daniel; the death of the New York City public advocate's relative at the Phoenix airport; and the reported suicide of the first black mayor-elect in the mostly white town of Westlake, La.

Associated Press

Former Allegheny County Coroner Cyril Wecht heads toward federal court in Pittsburgh in this Jan. 10, 2008, file photo. Wecht, 76, is charged with 41 counts, including wire fraud, mail fraud and theft.

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A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a look at the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Fatal accident – The Fayette County Coroner's office confirmed Thursday that a 22-year-old Perryopolis man and former U.S. Navy instructor was the victim of a fatal vehicle accident Wednesday.

Christopher S. Bissett, 22, of Perryopolis, was killed after he lost control of his vehicle at 12:30 a.m. on Perryopolis Road in Washington Township.

Washington Township Police Chief James McCune said Bissett was trapped inside of his 2002 Ford Mustang after it struck a utility pole, landed on its wheels after rolling over, and caught fire.

Bissett was pronounced dead at the scene.

He was a 2003 Frazier High School graduate who enlisted in the Navy in August 2003.

Bissett had recently returned home after completing four years of service.

Fatal fire – A 79-year-old man died early Friday morning in a fire in his home.

Rostraver Township police said Reno Dongilli, of 92 Dongilli Park Lane, was pronounced dead at his residence by a Westmoreland County coroner.

Police said Dongilli summoned the assistance of Lifeline, a personal medical alert system, shortly after 2 a.m., to report a fire in his home.

The fire is being investigated by a state police fire marshall, however it was not being considered suspicious at this time.

Death penalty sought – Prosecutors will seek the death penalty against a Donora man who is accused of killing two people in September.

Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani said notice was filed Thursday at Eugene Joseph Nagy's formal arraignment before President Judge Debbie O' Dell Seneca.

Nagy, 28, is charged with double homicide in the beating deaths of Vince William Trotta and Yvonne M. Helton, who were found dead Sept. 11 in Trotta's apartment above Phat Dawg's Bar and Grill, 1025 Meldon Ave.

In addition to two counts of criminal homicide, he is also charged with one count each of robbery, theft, and tampering with evidence.

State police believe Nagy used a wooden board to beat the victims to death and then stole $1,915 from Trotta, who had just been paid for work as a self-employed contractor.

Homecoming reunion – Teenaged burn victim Lyle Offerman returned home from West Penn Hospital last week to be with his family.

Then, remarkably, 1 1/2 hours later, the family dog, Cinnamon, returned, too.

Offerman, 16, had been in the hospital nearly two weeks while recovering from third degree burns over 12 to 15 percent of his body.

He was burned in an accident Jan. 9 in the garage of his home at 125 Donora Road when he attempted to light a fire in a wood burner by using a little bit of gasoline.

Last week, his mother Christie offered a plea for the return of the family dog, which had wandered off into the woods the day of the accident and never returned. The 12-year-old petite half-lab is hard of hearing.

At the time, an obviously distressed Christie Offerman said her son was blaming himself because the dog was gone.

But after the Offermans returned home Sunday, they received a call from Donora Fire Chief Patsy Vince saying he had found the dog in the borough.

Pa. looking at criminal justice reform

Jail overcrowding one of the issues to address.

Tribune-Review News Service

With many of its prisons near capacity, Pennsylvania is one of 18 states that is taking steps to reform its criminal justice system, according to a national report released last week.

Pennsylvania lawmakers directed the state Sentencing Commission to study whether mandatory minimum sentences -- long a hot-button issue between the judiciary and the Legislature – are effective.

"We want to try to determine the purpose of mandatories and see if those objectives have been achieved," said Mark Bergstrom, executive director of the Sentencing Commission. "Clearly we have to look at overcrowding – state and local numbers are going up; the Department of Corrections budget is $1.4 billion – but we can't risk public safety to do it."

Pennsylvania was named in a report released by The Sentencing Project, an inmate advocacy group in Washington, that pointed to several states' attempts to get nonviolent offenders out of jail sooner.

In Allegheny County, the jail population has hovered near capacity the past few years. The jail had 2,553 inmates Friday and can hold no more than 2,850, said Deputy Warden Lance Bohn.

Experts applauded lawmakers' decision to consider changes to the system.

"I think it's absolutely brilliant news from the Legislature," said Al Blumstein, a criminology professor at Carnegie Mellon University.

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DEATH NOTICES

DAVIS — Elizabeth Davis, of Donora, on Sunday, Jan. 27. Paul Macik Funeral Home, Donora.

FRONZAGLIO — Anthony J. Fronzaglio, 63, of Donora, on Saturday, Jan. 26. James A. Rabe Funeral Home Inc., Donora.*

KARPIAK — Mary E. Karpiak, 91, of Charleroi, on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.*

KEFFER — Betty L. Keffer, 90, of Ligonier, on Friday, Jan. 25. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

KELLMAN — Gerald A. Kellman, of Bethel Park, on Saturday, Jan. 26. Ralph Schugar Chapel Inc., Shadyside.*

MORGAN — Harold L. Morgan, 83, of Vanderbilt, on Sunday, Jan. 27. Ralph E. Galley Funeral Home, Dawson.*

MURT — Jonathan Murt, of Belle Vernon, on Sunday, Jan. 27. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.

NEDROW — Roger Nedrow, of Donora, on Tuesday, Jan. 22. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

O'LEARY — Gerald A. O'Leary, 80, of Monongahela, on Saturday, Jan. 26. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

SIVAK – Helen K. Sivak, 88, of Monessen, on Sunday, Jan. 27. Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home, Monessen.*

ZURO — Sasha A. Zuro, 26, of Belle Vernon (Washington Township), on Sunday, Jan. 27. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
DONGILLI, Reno*
*** See death notice**

Reno Dongilli
Rostraver Township

Reno Dongilli, 78, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, at his residence. He was born Oct. 1, 1929, in Van Meter, a son of the late Victor and Josephine Gruphofer Dongilli. He was a self-employed mechanic, a school bus driver for the Belle Vernon Area School District, and had worked at the Donora Mill. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict, and a member of American Legion Post 790 and the Marconi Club, both in Smithton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha Yenchick Dongilli; three brothers, Larry, Leon and Norman Dongilli; and three sisters, Marcella Molchan, and Dolores and Freda Dongilli. Survivors include three sons, Gary (Georgine) Dongilli, of Smithton, Dave Dongilli, of Perryopolis, and Kim (Brenda) Dongilli, of Rostraver Township; one daughter, Teresa (Scott) Frazier, of Berlin; 10 grandchildren, Jeremy (Kim) Dongilli, of New Jersey, Dominique (Keith) Ferrier, of Irwin, Jason (Sarah) Dongilli, of Belle Vernon, Sommer Dongilli, of Monongahela, Cagney, Shane, Brendan and Cody Dongilli, of Rostraver Township, and Brian and Greg Frazier, of Berlin; two great-grandchildren, Dominick and Tristin Dongilli, of Belle Vernon; three brothers, Randall Dongilli, of Newell, and Carl and Arthur Dongilli, of Rostraver Township; one sister, Laverna Painter, of Rostraver Township; and numerous nieces and nephews. Family and friends will be received Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the L.L. BARTHELS FUNERAL HOME INC., Second Street, Smithton. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Henderson officiating. Interment will be in Olive Branch Cemetery, Rostraver Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Anthony J. Fronzaglio
Donora

Anthony J. "Undo" Fronzaglio, 63, of Donora, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at his home. He was born in Pittsburgh on Dec. 21, 1944, a son of the late Guido "Wee" and Laura Bianco Fronzaglio. He owned and operated Marjorie's Used Furniture and Appliances Store in Donora. Undo was Catholic by faith and a 1963 graduate of Donora High School. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John Bianco and Louis and Fred Fronzaglio. Undo is survived by his wife of 37 years, Marjorie A. Courtney Fronzaglio; four children, Antoinette (Leroy) Roberts, of California, Pa., Anthony J. Jr. (Billie Sue) Fronzaglio, of Roscoe, and Tonia Fronzaglio (Shaun McGavitt) and Tammy Fronzaglio (Curtis Pritchett), all of Donora; 13 grandchildren, Laura, Sean, Qualynn, Kordell, Taylor, Tashay, Treyvan, Jacob, James, Chris, Jonathan, Jay, and Ashley; four sisters, Mrs. Michael (Lucille) Lutz, of Carroll Township, Mrs. Eugene (Dolores) Halyama, of Niles, Ohio, his twin sister, Mrs. Charles (Antoinette "Nana") McLaughlin, of Donora, and Roseanne Harper, of Brookville; three brothers, Joseph A. (Josephine) Fronzaglio, of San Antonio, Texas, Jerome E. (Sara Lee) Fronzaglio and Richard (Marie) Fronzaglio, all of Donora; nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Charles "Firebug" Davis. Friends will be received at the JAMES A. RABE FUNERAL HOME INC., 701 Thompson Ave., Donora (724-379-9020) on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m., at which time a blessing service will be held with the Rev. Michael Yaksick officiating. Donations may be made on behalf of Undo's family to the funeral home. Family and friends may view the obituary and offer on-line condolences at www.rabefuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Sasha A. Zuro
Belle Vernon (Washington Township)

Sasha A. Zuro, 26, of Belle Vernon (Washington Township), died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, as a result of injuries sustained in a fire at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. A daughter of Robert D. and Mila E. Kupirovich Zuro, Sasha was born in Carroll Township on May 10, 1981. She was a member of the Orchard Christian Fellowship Church in Monessen and was a 1999 graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School, where she excelled in basketball with over 1,000 career points, and in softball. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her brother, Paul Zuro, of Washington Township; her maternal grandmother, Lana Kupirovich, of Belle Vernon (Lynnwood); her paternal grandmother, Violet Zuro, of Belle Vernon; aunts and uncles, Milene and Richard Bianco, of Washington, D.C., Janice and Gordon Yeaton, of Rostraver Township, John and Karen Zuro, of Culpepper, Va., and Kathy and Michael McCormick, of Greensburg; and numerous cousins. Sasha was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, John Zuro, on Dec. 3, 1975; and her maternal grandfather, Miles Kupirovich, on Dec. 7, 2005. Mr. and Mrs. Zuro would like all of Sasha's friends who loved her to attend her memorial service, which will be held Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m. in Orchard Christian Fellowship Church, 721 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen, with Pastor John Custer officiating. Interment will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery. The FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www.fergusonfuneralhome-andcrematory.com, is handling arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Helen K. Sivak
Monessen

Helen K. Sivak, 88, of Monessen, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008. Friends will be received Tuesday from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750); www.dalfonso-billick.com. A complete obituary will be announced in Tuesday's edition.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary E. Karpiak
Charleroi

Mary E. Karpiak, 91, of Charleroi, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Oct. 15, 1916, in Noggin Cove, Fogo, Newfoundland, the daughter of the late William and Alfreda Collins. Mrs. Karpiak had been employed at Rego's Restaurant in Charleroi and the former Twin Coaches Supper Club in Rostraver Township before moving to Phoenix, Ariz., where she was employed as the manager of Brother's Haufbrau in Thomas Mall. Mrs. Karpiak returned to Charleroi after retiring in 1982. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Survivors include her son, Lloyd A. (Dolores) Karpiak, of Fallowfield Township, with whom she made her home; two grandchildren, Mary (Scott) Philips, of Conifer, Colo., and Mark (Laura) Karpiak, of Fallowfield Township; and two great-grandchildren, Kaleigh and Derek Karpiak; and her special companion, her cat Pokey. There will be no visitation or services held. Arrangements have been entrusted to the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, Charleroi.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Betty L. Keffer
Ligonier

Betty Louise Kelly Keffer, 90, died peacefully on Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, in the Bethlen Home, Ligonier. She was born July 21, 1917, in Scottdale, the daughter of the late Edmund H. Kelly and Mary Livengood Kelly. Betty graduated from Scottdale High School and St. Margaret School of Nursing. She loved nursing and traveled the world, making a home in places as far-reaching as Japan and England as an Air Force wife. Until recently, Betty was a superb bridge player, a whole-hearted community volunteer and always ready for an adventure. She loved spending time with family and friends and keeping up with the many friends made during family travels. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and she will be sorely missed. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John L. Keffer III; son, John E. Keffer; and two brothers, James L. and Edmund K. Kelly. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Finley and husband, Bill, of Greensburg; daughter-in-law, Jayne DiCicco Keffer, of Coraopolis; four grandchildren, Kelly Finley, Michael Finley, Christina Keffer and Daniel Keffer; and three great-grandchildren. Very special to her was her loving sister-in-law, Allyene Kelly, of Belle Vernon, her cherished brother- and sister-in-law, Harry and Arlene Keffer, of Elizabeth; dear nieces and nephews and close friend, Kaye Stohl. Friends will be received Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneral-home.com, where a funeral service will be held Wednesday, Jan 30, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Richard C. Klein officiating. Interment will follow in Rehoboth Cemetery, Rostraver Township. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: John E. Keffer Memorial Garden, c/o Coraopolis Memorial Library, 601 School St., Coraopolis, Pa. 15108, or the Rehoboth Cemetery Association Chapel, 441 Rehoboth Road, Belle Vernon, Pa. 15012.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Gerald A. Kellman
Bethel Park

Gerald Allen Kellman, 54, of Bethel Park, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008. He was the beloved son of Barbara Kellman, who survives, and the late Milton Kellman. In addition, he is survived by two brothers, Paul (Adele) Kellman, of Berkeley Heights, N.J., and Dr. David Kellman, of New York, N.Y.; his beloved companion, LuAnne Kish; his nephew and niece, Simon Kellman, of New York, and Allison Kellman, of San Francisco, Calif.; his aunt, Joyce Siniakin, of Pittsburgh; and numerous cousins. Friends will be received at the RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL INC., 5509 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh (Shadyside), on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 10 to 11 a.m., at which time services will be held, followed by interment in the Beth Shalom Cemetery. Contributions may be made to: Hebrew Free Loan Association, Milton Kellman Fund, 4315 Murray Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Gerald A. O'Leary
Monongahela

Gerald A. O'Leary, 80, of Monongahela, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born April 16, 1927, in Monongahela, a son of the late Frederick and Lillian Raub O'Leary. He was retired from U.S. Steel in Monroeville. Mr. O'Leary was a member of Transfiguration Catholic Church in Monongahela and its Holy Name Society. He was a Eucharistic minister and had also served on the parish council. Mr. O'Leary He served in the United States Navy aboard the carrier USS Midway (CVB 41). He was a member of the original crew that commissioned the USS Midway on Sept. 10, 1945. Jerry was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which he was named Man of the Year in 1997. He also belonged to the James C. Ford American Legion Post No. 949 and the High Point Setter Club. He will be remembered for his outstanding woodworking and home building skills. Jerry was an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. Mr. O'Leary was a loving husband and father who will be sadly missed. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Anna Brady O'Leary; two sons, Gerald A. (Debbie) O'Leary, of Boulder, Colo., and Timothy B. O'Leary, of Monongahela; one daughter, Roseanne O'Leary Kerr, of Charlotte, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Emily Kerr Steinmetz, of Tennessee, Gerald O'Leary IV, and Catlin Marie O'Leary, both of Boulder, Colo.; and two great-grandchildren, Cameron and Carley Steinmetz. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Pizzutelli. Friends will be received Tuesday from 2 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m. in Transfiguration Church with the Rev. George Chortos, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery with full military honors accorded by the Mon Valley Firing Squad and Honor Guard.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Harold L. Morgan
Vanderbilt

Harold L. Morgan, 83, of Vanderbilt, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, in his home. He was born in Tarrs, Nov. 23, 1924, a son of the late Roy and Ada O'Roark Morgan. He was a member of Pennsville Baptist Church and American Legion Post 301, Connellsville. Harold was a retired employee of the B&O Railroad and Duraloy Co. He served with the Army Air Forces during World War II. Surviving are a son, Dennis and wife, Millie, of Vanderbilt; three granddaughters, Carley Monahan, of Virginia Beach, Va., Julie Morgan, of Vanderbilt, and Shaina Morgan, of Kenai, Alaska; a brother, Gerald Morgan, of Perryopolis; a sister, Bernadine Captain, of Gillespie; a loving caretaker, Vicki Captain, of Vanderbilt; and a number of nieces and nephews. Harold was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalie; and a daughter, Denise. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the RALPH E. GALLEY FUNERAL HOME, in Dawson, and until 11 a.m. Wednesday, the hour of the services, with the Rev. Robert Bixel and the Rev. Marvin Watson co-officiating. Interment will be in Green Ridge Memorial Park.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Roger Nedrow
Donora

A private funeral service was held for Roger Nedrow, 73, of Donora, who died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, at his home. He was born in Rostraver Township on Sept. 2, 1934. Mr. Nedrow worked as a lineman and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He is survived by his wife, Judith Totedo Nedrow; two sons, Scott A. Nedrow and Gil C. Nedrow; one daughter, Jennifer Sarkissian; six grandchildren, Willie R., Allison and Luke Nedrow, Sacha and Clara Nedrow, and Leon Sarkissian. The Nedrow family suggests memorial contributions in Roger's name be made to the American Lung Association through their Web site at www.lungusa.org. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934); www.jamesstumpfuneral-home.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

POLICE LOG

State police, Belle Vernon

■ William Keefer, of Union Township, reported someone stole two, 100-foot sections of copper welding cable from his property sometime from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, police said. Anyone with information is asked to call state police.

■ Kenneth Moore, no age listed, of Finleyville, was charged with harassment on Sunday for allegedly assaulting Glenn Gaskins, police said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

January 28

Today is Monday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2008. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from the Kennedy Space Center, killing all seven of its crew members: flight commander Francis R. "Dick" Scobee; pilot Michael Smith; Ronald McNair; Ellison Onizuka; Judith Resnik; Gregory Jarvis; and schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

On this date:

■ In 1547, England's King Henry the VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward the VI.

■ In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana.

■ In 1878, the first daily college newspaper, Yale News (now Yale Daily News), began publication in New Haven, Conn.

■ In 1909, the United States ended direct control over Cuba.

■ In 1915, the United States Coast Guard was created as President Woodrow Wilson signed into law a bill merging the Life-Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service.

■ In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court; Brandeis became the court's first Jewish member.

■ In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

■ In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

■ In 1978, fire swept through the historic downtown Coates House hotel in Kansas City, Mo., killing 20 people.

■ In 1988, a 13-day standoff in Marion, Utah, between police and a polygamist clan ended in gunfire that killed a state corrections officer and seriously wounded the group's leader, Addam Swapp.

■ **Ten years ago**: The day after his State of the Union address, President Bill Clinton barnstormed in the nation's heartland, where he was warmly received; accompanying him was Vice President Al Gore, who urged Americans to "join me in supporting him and standing by his side."

■ **Five years ago**: President Bush, girding the nation for war, said in his State of the Union address that Saddam Hussein had shown "utter contempt" for the world community and had to be held to account. Bush also pledged to help the ailing economy with lower taxes and a stronger health care system.

■ **One year ago**: U.S.-backed Iraqi troops attacked insurgents allegedly plotting to kill pilgrims at a major Shiite Muslim religious festival; Iraqi officials estimated some 300 militants died in the daylong battle near Najaf.

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Associated Press

An Iraqi man stops to pray next to a destroyed mini bus today in Baghdad. A roadside bomb missed a police patrol in eastern Baghdad but hit the mini bus, killing three passengers and injuring five others, police said.

Sadrists urge radical cleric to end cease-fire

Higher death toll announced in last week's house explosion in Mosul.

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD — Influential members of Muqtada al-Sadr's movement have urged the anti-U.S. Shiite cleric not to extend a cease-fire when it expires next month, officials said today, a move that could jeopardize recent security gains.

The Iraqi Red Crescent organization, meanwhile, gave a higher death toll than Iraqi officials from last week's devastating house explosion in the northern city of Mosul.

The relief organization said more than 60 people were killed and 280 wounded based on estimates from relatives who buried victims without officially registering them. Iraqi officials in Mosul maintain that nearly 40 were killed and more than 200 wounded.

Al-Sadr's August order for his feared Mahdi Army militia to freeze activities for six months was seen by U.S. commanders as a major factor in a nationwide reduction of violence.

But U.S. and Iraqi forces insisted they would continue to hunt down so-called rogue fighters who ignored the order. Al-Sadr's followers claim this is a pretext to crack down on their movement.

The maverick cleric has threatened not to renew the cease-fire unless the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki purges "criminal gangs" operating within security forces he claims are targeting his followers.

That was a reference to rival Shiite militiamen from the Badr Brigade who have infiltrated security forces participating in the ongoing crackdown against breakaway militia cells the U.S. has said were linked to Iran.

The political commission of al-Sadr's movement and some lawmakers and senior officials said they were urging him to follow through with his threat, pointing to recent raids against the movement in the southern Shiite cities of Diwaniyah, Basra and Karbala.

"We presented a historic opportunity when we froze the (Mahdi) army," Nasser al-Rubaie, leader of the Sadrists in parliament, told reporters today. "But the step was negatively capitalized on."

The group planned to send the message to al-Sadr's main office in the holy city of Najaf, two Sadrist legislators and a member of the political commission told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of fears of retribution.

"We have demanded that the government purge these security organs and release our detainees," one official said. "We have not found any positive response so far from the government, so why then should we continue freezing the (Mahdi Army)?"

Al-Sadr's political commission is made up of the movement's most powerful officials whose opinion often reflects that of the reclusive cleric, although the officials stressed that he retains sole decision-making authority over the militia.

U.S. troops also detained 18 al-Qaida-linked militants in two days of operations ending today north of Baghdad.

Gunmen release students taken hostage in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen briefly seized control of a high school in volatile northwestern Pakistan on Monday, the government said, holding more than 200 students and teachers hostage for hours before surrendering to surrounding security forces.

The seven gunmen gave themselves up to a delegation of tribal negotiators, Interior Ministry spokesman Javed Iqbal Cheema said.

The gunmen barged into the school near the town of Bannu after a chase and firefight with police that killed an eighth gunman and wounded a police officer.

The chase began after they abducted the health chief of a neighboring district and two of his relatives, who were later freed, also unharmed.

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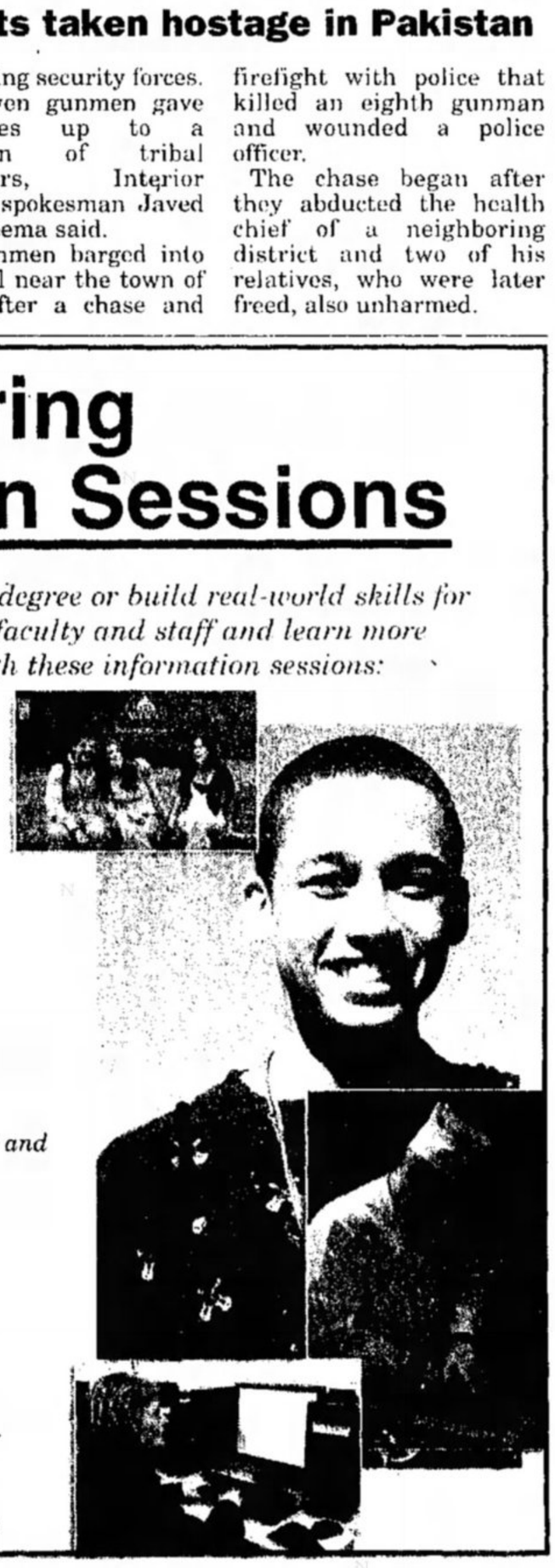

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen

The following preliminary hearings were held Friday before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso of Monessen:

■ Louis G. Vasquez, 46, 99 McKean Ave., Charleroi; charged with retail theft Oct. 10 at the Monessen Foodland. The case was waived to court.

■ Robert Johnson, 47, 411 Fourth St., Monessen; charged with terrorist threats and resisting arrest Oct. 27 at his residence; charges were waived to court.

■ Dennis R. Fitzwater, 25, 127 Elks Place, Belle Vernon; charged with simple assault following an alleged domestic incident Dec. 30 at his residence. The charge was waived to court.

■ Karen L. Swoger, 31, 30 Hemlock St., Ellsworth; charged with forgery, theft by deception and receiving stolen property Jan. 8 at Wal-Mart. A warrant was issued for failure to appear in court.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Greece's Orthodox Church leader dies

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's Orthodox Church leader, Archbishop Christodoulos, who eased centuries of tension with the Vatican but angered liberal critics who viewed him as an attention-seeking reactionary, died Monday at his home of cancer. He was 69.

Christodoulos, who headed the church for a decade, was first hospitalized in Athens in June before being diagnosed with cancer of the liver and large intestine.

He spent 10 weeks in a hospital in Miami but an October liver transplant operation was canceled when doctors discovered the cancer had spread. He refused hospital treatment in the final weeks of his life. He died at his home in the Athens suburb of Psyhico, church officials said.

Greek authorities announced three days of national mourning. Across the country flags flew at half-staff, including atop the ancient Acropolis and on the parliament building. The archbishop's body will lie in state until the funeral, which will likely be held on Thursday, church officials and local authorities said.

Christodoulos was elected church leader in 1998 and is credited with reinvigorating the vast institution that represents 97 percent of Greece's native born population.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player hits 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $100,000.

Lottery officials said 66 players matched four numbers and won $425.50 each; 2,591 players matched three numbers and won $11.50 each; and 30,019 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

DAY PICK 3:	4-9-6
NIGHT PICK 3:	2-8-2
DAY PICK BIG 4:	7-9-6-3
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	4-8-7-3
TREASURE HUNT:	5-10-16-21-29
CASH 5:	3-6-24-28-35
POWERBALL:	11-35-39-53-54
Powerball:	24 Powerplay: 2

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	4-5-9 6-4-6
DAY PICK BIG 4:	6-7-7-4
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	8-6-8-4
TREASURE HUNT:	3-4-6-13-24
CASH 5:	4-23-28-33-36

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

DAY PICK 3:	6-8-5
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-4-7
DAY PICK 4:	6-5-3-2
NIGHT PICK 4:	6-9-1-3
ROLLING CASH 5:	11-17-23-27-33

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

DAILY 3:	9-8-5
DAILY 4:	5-8-3-0
HOT LOTTO:	2-5-15-36-38 HB: 1

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OUR OPINION

Anti-terror money mismanaged

WHAT DO YOU GET when a bloated federal bureaucracy — the Department of Homeland Security — gives hundreds of millions of dollars to an inept outfit like the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency?

Government mismanagement, ineptitude and farce. Per usual.

Three studies recently probed how PEMA has "managed" the distribution of $400 million in Homeland Security grants it has received since Sept. 11, 2001.

The money — the state's share of the post-9/11 pork party Congress threw in the name of fighting terrorism — was supposed to be passed down to local firefighters, police and emergency officials to pay for the equipment and training they need to respond to acts of terrorism, natural disasters or accidents.

Not surprisingly, auditors found PEMA guilty of poor oversight and sloppy record keeping — shortcomings that left questions without good answers.

For example, where did PEMA send the money? What exactly did local agencies buy with it? Don't ask PEMA.

We do know Lower Swatara Township got $7,400 for a portable video surveillance system to monitor its parking lots. And Derry Township police, who protect Hershey, Pa., ended up with a new, nifty $400,000 RV-sized command center — in case al-Qaida tries to blow up the chocolate factory.

No one, especially PEMA, knows whether that $400 million in spilled federal gravy has actually improved the state's ability to respond to emergencies.

But we have a good guess.

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ANOTHER VIEW

The News-Gazette, Champaign, Ill. on the economic stimulus bill:

Given the general nervousness about the economy, it's pretty clear that the Democratic-controlled Congress and Republican President George Bush will pass an economic-stimulus package designed to prevent a feared recession.

But there's a danger, in this election year, of a political bidding war aimed more at stimulating the loyalty of voters than the economy.

President Bush announced a general tax-stimulus package Friday, suggesting tax rebates to individuals and families and tax cuts intended to spur business spending and hiring. ...

But there are all different directions this program can go, and that could be a problem if legislators don't exercise some restraint.

... U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts said the package must "start and end with America's working families" while New York Democratic U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer said legislation must not only include tax rebates but "spending stimuli that jump start the economy." Congressional aides say greater food-stamp allotments are up for discussion. ...

The die, however, has been cast, and it's likely that most people will get a check from the government. But Congress needs to be careful not to exacerbate a problem it's trying to solve.

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Utopian neocons

Charley **REESE**

If you wish to know how we got into the Iraq War, then read the new book by Jacob Heilbrunn. The title is "They Knew They Were Right: The Rise of the Neocons."

It's an excellent short history of the whole movement, with mini-biographies of the principal players.

It begins with the young Jews in New York in the 1920s enamored of Leon Trotsky, himself a Jewish intellectual and a rival of Josef Stalin, who later ordered Trotsky's murder in Mexico. For the first few decades, these young Jewish intellectuals, many of them stung by the snobbishness of the White Anglo-Saxon Protestant establishment, were the intellectual firebrands of the political left.

Some peeled off as the crimes of Stalin began to leak out, but the big break with the left came in the 1960s, when the so-called New Left took up the cause of the Palestinians and began to criticize Israel. Most of the Jewish neocons are fiercely attached to Israel, and the non-Jewish neocons tend to share that passion. This is the reason behind the cries of anti-Semitism you hear from the neocons, but if you don't understand the role of Israel in this movement, as well as the Jewish experiences of the movement's intellectual leaders, then the Iraq War, as well as the antipathy toward Iran, won't make any sense.

Heilbrunn, by the way, is not hostile to the neocons, though he doesn't shy away from the facts that many of them would consider unflattering. The neocons are more than anything else elitists who think the common people are too stupid to make any decisions and therefore deserve to be deceived whenever the elitists think it appropriate. They are also aggressive street fighters who don't hesitate to smear their opponents.

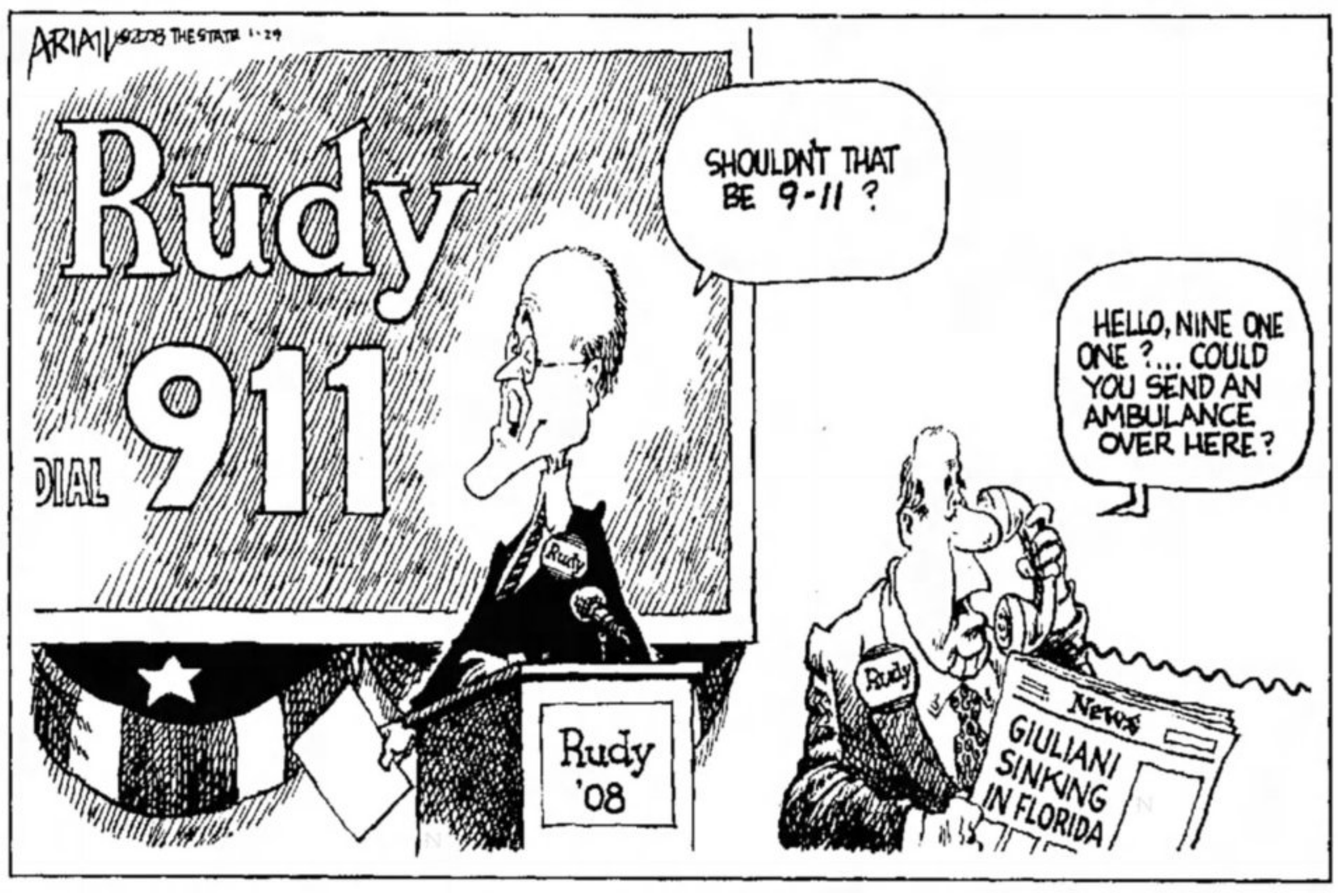
That is the source of the arrogance of intellectuals like Paul Wolfowitz, David Frum, Douglas Feith, Norman Podhoretz, the late Leo Strauss (a sort of German godfather to many of them), Richard Perle, William Kristol and others. They were spread throughout the Bush administration like the pox, and they are still around and still influential.

The author describes the movement: "It isn't about the left. It is about a mindset, one that has been decisively shaped by the Jewish immigrant experience, by the Holocaust, and by the twentieth-century struggle against totalitarianism. ... The neocons claim to be an intellectual movement with no ethnic component to speak of. But neoconservatism is as much a reflection of Jewish immigrant social resentments and status anxiety as a legitimate movement of ideas. Indeed, however much they may deny it, neoconservatism is in a decisive respect a Jewish phenomenon, reflecting a subset of Jewish concerns."

I think you will find the book both entertaining and enlightening. My problem with the neocons is their elitism and their disdain for the democratic process. They are utopians, and utopians, while pursuing an impossible goal, nevertheless cause a great deal of harm. The Iraq War is a good example. The idea that Iraq could be transformed into a liberal democracy was utopian. As you can see, there is no utopia in Iraq, but the bodies and lost treasure are piled high.

The neocons believe the U.S. is all-powerful and therefore has a duty to use its power to shape the world to their liking. Their first mistake is to believe we are all-powerful. That's understandable, because almost without exception they are academics and journalists. They don't understand military power and its limits. Their second mistake is to believe we can shape the world. They are about 50 years too late to attempt that bit of utopian nonsense.

All nations have elites, and all need them. Problems arise when the elites are corrupted, either by money or by utopian ideas. Utopians are always wrong and should never be let near power. They'll use it to cause misery and failure.



The right from which all others flow

Nat **HENTOFF**

What distinguishes us from all other nations is the range and depth of the First Amendment's expressive individual liberties against government control of what we say and think. Having researched and written about it for more than 50 years, I can attest that the most compelling readable account of its tumultuous and often imperiled history is the newly published "Freedom for the Thought That We Hate: A Biography of the First Amendment" by Anthony Lewis.

Part of the title comes from Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes' warning of the most powerful need of the First Amendment, especially in times of national danger and epidemics of speech-suppressing political correctness:

"If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other, it is the principle of free thought — not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought that we hate."

I commend the title and the Lewis book to Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., who is still trying to get his expanded "hate speech" legislation to become law. It adds extra prison time not for the actual conviction of violent acts but for the "hateful" speech accompanying them as interpreted by police and prosecutors.

Once our Republic began, James Madison expected that no American would be punished for his "thoughts." But "hate crimes" laws — vigorously and incredibly supported by the American Civil Liberties Union — are what Madison feared. If these added penalties for thought crimes, also passed overwhelmingly by the House, get to the Oval Office, the president should veto the legislation.

For many years, Anthony Lewis, twice a winner of the Pulitzer Prize, was a nonpareil reporter and analyst of the continuous First Amendment wars in his New York Times column. I do not understand his removal from that sentry post since that paper now has no regular columnist with Lewis' legal and First Amendment history credentials.

Justice William Brennan once told me when I was talking about the Bill of Rights in schools around the country, "Tell them stories!" That's what Lewis does in "Freedom for the Thought We Hate." How many Americans know that before the Constitution and our Revolution, "Massachusetts hanged Mary Dyer for her Quaker views"? I would add that before Jefferson and Madison surfaced in Virginia, Catholics were not allowed to hold office and priests were barred from even entering the colony.

Lewis also dramatizes why and how "it took more than a century for (our) courts to begin protecting speakers and publishers from official repression in the United States."

And showing the continuing struggle to interconnect rights of privacy and speech, he quotes Justice Stephen Breyer: "the right to be let alone" encourages us to speak freely during those times "when we fear that our private conversations may become public." But the Founders couldn't have predicted the advent of computer technology and government databases, and how we may be approaching the Last Rites of privacy.

Lewis brings into the conversation a 1927 opinion (Whitney v. California) by Louis Brandeis, joined by Oliver Wendell Holmes, that affected me with the thrill of Americanism when I was a youngster. It had the freedom force of Louis Armstrong's trumpet:

"Those who won our independence ... believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty... and that the greatest menace to freedom is an inert people, that public discussion is a political duty. They knew that order cannot be secured merely through fear of punishment for its infraction. ...They eschewed silence coerced by law."

I hope large numbers of Americans, of all ages, will read Lewis' odyssey of why we are Americans.

He acts on what he writes about. On his current book tour, he spoke before the American Library Association at Philadelphia's National Constitution Center. The ALA's leadership has resolutely refused — by contrast with library associations throughout Europe — to demand that Communist Cuba immediately release the independent librarians it has imprisoned for opening private libraries for books banned by this dictatorship, which has burned those confiscated books, including biography of Martin Luther King Jr.

Lewis told the delegates what ALA officials there — touting their mission of freedom to read — didn't want to hear, even in the National Constitution Center: "I can't think of anything worse than putting people in jail for opening libraries."

NEWS

Music download deal not closed

Qtrax admitted that not all contracts have been signed.

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES – A revamped online file-sharing service that promised to offer unlimited, free music downloads from all the major record labels hit an apparent snag Sunday after one denied it had given the service permission.

Qtrax touted in a press release Sunday morning that it was the first Internet file-swapping service to be "fully embraced by the music industry," and boasted it would carry up to 30 million tracks from "all the major labels."

New York-based Warner Music undermined that claim, declaring in a statement that it "has not authorized the use of our content on Qtrax's recently announced service."

Universal Music Group and EMI Group PLC later confirmed they did not have licensing deals in place with Qtrax, noting discussions were still ongoing. A call to Sony BMG Music Entertainment was not immediately returned.

Music services such as Qtrax must secure licensing agreements from the record companies, which own the rights to master recordings, and music publishers, which control the rights to song compositions. Each of the major recording companies also operates music publishing units.

Allan Klepfisz, Qtrax's president and chief executive, acknowledged Sunday that the deal with Warner Music had not been signed, but said he expects to reach an agreement on terms "shortly."

"With everybody else, we have agreed on all terms," he added, noting that in some cases, deals had yet to be formally signed.

Qtrax had been scheduled to make its online debut on Monday, a day after its splashy coming-out party at the annual Midem music business conference in Cannes, France.

The development marked an inauspicious start for Qtrax, the latest online music venture counting on the lure of free music to draw in music fans and on advertising to pay the bills, namely record company licensing fees.

The service was among several peer-to-peer file-sharing applications that emerged following the shutdown of Napster, the pioneer service that enabled millions to illegally copy songs stored in other music fans' computers. Qtrax shut down after a few months following its 2002 launch to avoid potential legal trouble.

Qtrax downloads can be stored indefinitely on PCs and transferred onto portable music players, however. The company also promises that its music downloads will be playable on Apple Inc.'s iPods and Macintosh computers until April 15.

Upgrade (FROM PAGE ONE)

community project.

At the time it submitted its application to the state, the Elizabeth Community Development Corp. conducted a fundraiser at the Grand Theater in downtown Elizabeth. At that event, $1,500 was raised toward the local match. The Elizabeth Elementary PTA donated another $1,500.

Numerous businesses joined the effort. Greenawalt Construction has committed skilled labor and some equipment. Carl Fecula will donate a water line.

"We're fortunate to have so many generous people within our community," Hill said.

Shawn Shoyer's Elizabeth Forward construction students will build benches and an arbor with swings in the garden area.

A few years ago, Shoyer's students built a gazebo at Lion's Park, located between Second and Third avenues, in Elizabeth.

Orrie Rockwell Jr. heads up the design committee. Volunteers from Elizabeth as well as Forward Township neighborhoods that border the park area are also helping with the project.

"Really, the entire community is involved," Hill said. "People of all ages have enjoyed the park over the years."

Work is expected to begin in the spring. The park is expected to reopen before year's end.

Contributions are still being accepted and can be mailed to EACDC, P.O. Box 325, Elizabeth, Pa., 15037.

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taken in a different way, she said. "It's been used for years," she said.

Eichelberger said his bill would allow pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions for birth control pills if they have religious objections.

Clark blasted the bill.

"In general, I think it's pretty awful that a medical professional sworn to do no harm would use this excuse to kill a woman," said Clark, of Shadyside.

Clark said she was referring to a situation in which a woman might come to an emergency room bleeding from a miscarriage or induced abortion, and a doctor would refuse on religious grounds to treat her.

"Would we offer immunity to a Scientologist physician who refused to prescribe anti-depressants to a suicidal patient? Would we provide immunity to a Jehovah's Witness physician who would refuse a necessary blood transfusion to a patient? I don't think so," Clark said.

Georgette Forney, of Sewickley, president of Anglicans for Life, said, "The pro-choice movement's entire philosophy is based on the concept of choice. If women should have the right to choose an abortion, shouldn't physicians and pharmacists have the right to choose?"

People are allowed to object to going to war as conscientious objectors, Forney said, but because the issue is abortion, religious objections don't apply.

"It's sending mixed messages to our culture," she said. "It's absurd."

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Civil rights icon honored

Martin Luther King birthday observed

The annual unity event took place at the Antioch Baptist Church.

BELLE VERNON – The 23rd annual mass-unity celebration was presented Sunday in observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the event drew a crowd to the Antioch Baptist Church.

The Rev. James Williams, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monongahela, delivered a sermon.

Representing young people, Abria Hariston, Tim Tyree and Ryan McNeil offered words of inspiration.

Betty Riecks provided music, as did Belle Vernon Antioch Baptist Church Mass Choir and the Monessen Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Calvary Gospel Chorus.

A number of area ministers took part in the program, including the Rev. Jack Howell, Christian Life Ministries, Donora; the Rev. John Custer, Orchard Christian Fellowship, Monessen; the Rev. Clifford A. Carter, Antioch Baptist Church, Belle Vernon; Bishop Karl Jackson, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church; the Rev. Jesse Frost, pastor, First Baptist Church, Donora; and the Rev. Eleanor Williams, pastor, Wayman-Quinn Chapel AME Church, Monessen;

North Belle Vernon Mayor Edward Lyons provided a welcome message.

President George Burroughs Jr. and Second Vice President Dale K. Simpson spoke on behalf of the NAACP.

Payton M. Payton, 5, raises her hand in praise as her grandmother, Betty Riecks, sings.

The Rev. James Williams, of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, of Monongahela, delivers a sermon.

Bishop Karl Jackson, of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, of Monessen, pauses in reflection before reading scripture.

The Rev. Jesse Frost, of the First Baptist Church, of Donora, offers a prayer.

Photographs by Jim Ference

North Belle Vernon Mayor Ed Lyons, right, speaks to Dennis Stitch, left, and Deacon Arthur Field.

Abria Hariston, of Monessen, and Jo Anne Rone, Antioch Mass Choir director, join hands in prayer.

Ryan McNeil, of Monessen, presents Youth Words of Inspiration during the observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Connie Campbell, of the Monessen Union Baptist Church, celebrates faith and honors the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther Jr. through music.

George Burroughs Jr., Mon Valley Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People president, offers remarks.

SAG hands out awards

"No Country for Old Men" was the big winner at Sunday's Screen Actors Guild Awards. **7B**

Valley SPORTS

Woods wins big

Tiger Woods wrapped up an eight-shot victory at the Buick Open. **2B**

Holmes remembered

Former Steelers' star Ernie Holmes was recalled as a fierce player, but a gentle man off the field. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Which city has hosted the most Super Bowls? **2B**

Sunday's scores

Phoenix 88, Chicago 77
Orlando 96, Boston 93
Cleveland 98, L.A. Lakers 95
Portland 94, Atlanta 93
Dallas 90, Denver 85
Minnesota 98, New Jersey 95

Jeff **OLIVER**

One of many touched by Zuro

It is ironic how news sometimes hits you.

Sunday evening, I was on the phone talking with Monessen girls' basketball coach Major Corley when I saw on television that Sasha Zuro perished in a fire at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

Stunned and devastated by the abrupt news, I told Corley I had to go and hung up.

It was through girls' basketball that I first got to know who Sasha Zuro was. I covered several of her games when she played for Belle Vernon Area in the late 1990s.

I remember when she played middle school basketball and her coach sent in the game results to the newspaper. I couldn't wait until she reached high school because I wanted to see what a girl named "Sasha Zuro" looked like.

At the time, her name was so cool. I thought she had the name of a Hollywood actor or a singer.

And when I saw her play, I recalled her as a gangly girl with a pretty face, but also a tough attitude that helped make her a physical presence on the court.

I kind of lost track of her after graduation until a few years ago when she turned up working at the credit union where I do my banking.

I always looked forward to seeing her when I went inside the credit union. That's because Sasha had a wonderful personality and a great smile. She was also very beautiful. She brightened up any room.

I remember thinking to myself, "My, how this girl has grown up."

Being from Monessen, it's not often that I get to see an athlete from another school pretty much grow up before my eyes.

But I had that opportunity with Sasha through her career and then seeing her at work the past few years.

I still can't believe she is gone.

So young. So beautiful. So talented. And already ... so missed.

To be honest, I never knew Jonathan Murt, the BVA grad and former athlete who perished with Sasha in the fire.

By the time Murt was playing sports at BVA, I was on the news desk at this newspaper.

However, just the fact that he was outside the burning condo and safe and then decided to go back inside to rescue his girlfriend tells me all I need to know about him.

He is a hero. He gave up his life for Sasha. It takes a special person to take that kind of life-or-death risk.

But Sasha I can talk about. She touched so many lives in her time on this earth, including mine.

Last spring, when I was writing one of my "Food for Thought" columns, I asked the rhetorical question; "Whatever happened to Sasha Zuro?"

I ask that question in the column to raise memories of past area athletes, to make

Technical rare for Corley

Monessen coach was whistled for one in Saturday's win over Trinity.

By JEFF OLIVER
Staff Writer
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MONESSEN — When the Lady Greyhounds tip off against Avella tonight in a Class A Section 5 girls' basketball contest, Major Corley hopes the game is no repeat of what took place Saturday night.

Corley doesn't get whistled for too many technical fouls. That's because it takes a lot to get under the skin of the gentle giant.

But as the final seconds ticked away in the second quarter of Saturday's exhibition game against Trinity, the amiable Monessen girls' basketball coach could take no more.

Corley

"It was just too physical of a game and there were girls all over the floor," said Corley. "And they were grabbing us, pulling our shirts. That's been the story the last four games. Teams are grabbing us as we run."

So Corley got whistled for a technical less than a minute after Monessen's Samone Stepoli had been hit with a technical.

"Usually, when I get a technical, I do it for a purpose," Corley said. "This was one of those technicals."

Apparently, Corley's tactic worked on two fronts: the Lady Greyhounds picked up their game and the officials called the contest closer in the second half. As a result, Monessen ran away with a 68-48 win.

The Lady Greyhounds (21-0) led 25-14 when Stepoli was called for a technical with 1:09 left in the half. Shortly thereafter, Corley was T'd up by the officials.

Leading 27-17, Monessen outscored Trinity 18-9 in the third quarter to open up a comfortable 43-26 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Stepoli and Breane Minardi made sure Trinity (6-15) got no closer as Stepoli scored 11 of her game-high 18 points and Minardi tallied eight of her 14.

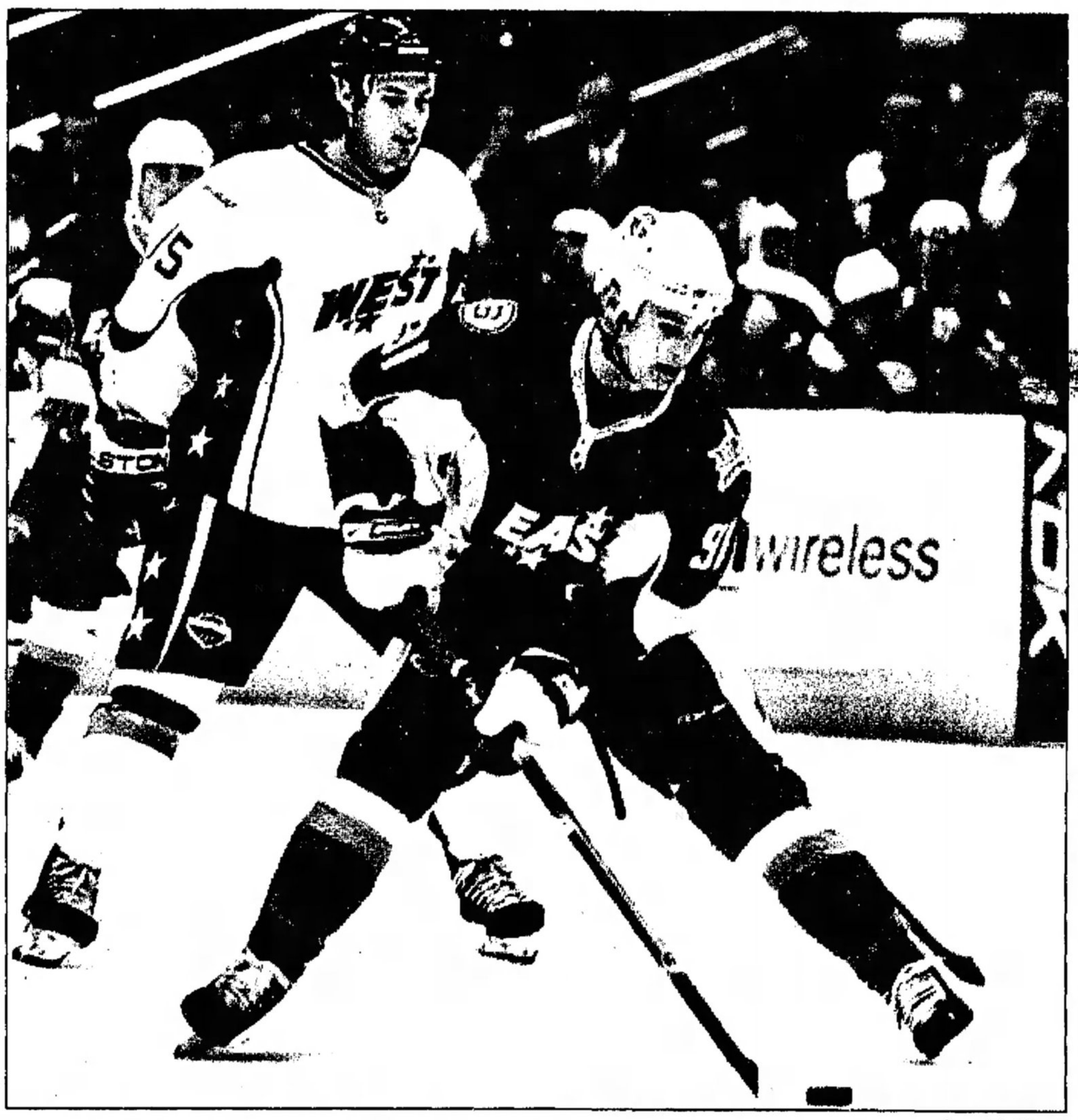
The game featured 42 total fouls called, including one double-foul.

"I think the officials let things get away from them in the first half and tried to make up for it in the second half," said Corley.

With just two games remaining in the regular season, Corley is not concerned about the Lady Greyhounds' winning record adding extra pressure. He says his team is playing well and is very loose.

"We're probably too loose," he said. "Being undefeated hasn't affected the players at all. Right now, we're playing our best basketball. I just hope we can keep it up."

NOTES: Joining Stepoli and Minardi in double figures for Monessen was reserve Jessica Beveridge with 11 points ... Trinity hit seven three-pointers in the game, including three by Danielle Gilmore ... Alex McCaffrey led the Lady Hillers with 16 points ... Of Monessen's 29 free throws, Minardi attempted 14 of them ... Stepoli had 10 rebounds while Christina Chukweudo and Melissa Popovich had eight each. Kelly Mornak had six assists.



Associated Press

Eastern Conference forward Marc Savard (91), of the Boston Bruins, skates past Western Conference forward Ryan Getzlaf, of the Anaheim Ducks, during the third period of the NHL All-Star hockey game Sunday in Atlanta.

Savard's goal decides NHL's All-Star Game

Score with 20.9 seconds left gives East 8-7 victory.

By IRA PODELL
AP Hockey Writer

ATLANTA — Marc Savard got Ilya Kovalchuk's glory. Eric Staal swiped Rick Nash's truck.

Who said the NHL All-Star game wouldn't have any juice without Sidney Crosby?

While Crosby nursed a high ankle sprain, it was up to the rest of the league's best to put on a first-class show without the face of the NHL in the house.

Nash, the Columbus Blue Jackets' young star, got the action started in a flash with the first of his three goals — a record 12 seconds after the opening faceoff

route to wresting MVP honors in the Eastern Conference's 8-7 win over the West on Sunday night.

Staal scored the tying goal with 7:25 left in the third period and helped set up Savard's winner with just 20.9 seconds remaining to skate off with the MVP award and the brand new truck that comes with it.

Nash made a quick getaway of his own, likely disappointed he didn't become the fifth straight All-Star MVP from the losing team.

"The fact that we won, and I was on the ice for the last goal gave me a good shot at it," Staal said. "But obviously Nasher with three tucks, I thought he might have a crack at it. I guess they wanted someone from the winning side

glad in the end."

So was Savard.

Known more for his passing than shooting, the former forward for the hometown Atlanta Thrashers scored into an open net off a pretty pass from Buffalo defenseman Brian Campbell.

Suddenly, Atlanta was home again for Savard. While the Thrashers faithful chanted and cheered for current favorite Kovalchuk, they showed a little love for Savard, who turned a 2 1/2-year stop in Atlanta into a lucrative free-agent deal with Boston before last season.

"I got booed on Saturday and a little today, but I liked playing here for the Thrashers," Savard said. "It got my career on track. It

Brady admits injury

Patriots' quarterback vows he'll be ready for Sunday.

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AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Tom Brady says he'll be fit to play in the Super Bowl, and that includes his world-famous right ankle.

"It's feeling good. I'll be ready to go," the New England Patriots quarterback said Sunday night when the AFC champions met the media for the first time shortly after arriving in Phoenix.

Brady, making his first comments since beating San Diego in the AFC championship game a week ago, walked up the three short steps to the podium with ease, showing no signs of the injury that has become THE hot topic since he was spotted wearing a protective boot last Monday.

Though he was in great spirits — laughing, smiling and taking "Gisele" questions in stride, Brady also acknowledged he got hurt in the Patriots' 21-12 victory in the AFC title game.

"It was in the San Diego game, I think in the third quarter," Brady said, adding that it came on a sack. The injury is reportedly a minor high ankle sprain.

New England will try to become the first team in NFL history to finish 19-0 when it plays the New York Giants in the Super Bowl next Sunday.

"I'm not concerned about how it's going to affect my play," he said. "This won't keep me out."

Last Monday, he was caught on videotape sporting a protective boot on his right foot while visiting supermodel girlfriend Gisele Bundchen in New York. The sight of the boot caused a major stir and concern among Patriots fans and bolstered Giants fans hopes for an upset.

But even after he returned to Foxborough two days later, there were no quick answers about the "boot" because Brady was nowhere to be found when reporters went looking for him in the locker room and at practice.

Whatever. The dapper, dimple-chinned quarterback certainly looked fine Sunday.

Tiger ties Palmer

Eight-shot win at Buick Open is Wood's 62nd career victory.

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods joined some elite company Sunday, even though he might as well have been playing alone.

He thrilled the four-deep gallery with an improbable flop shot from the muck of trampled grass behind the ninth green to save par. He sent Torrey Pines into delirium with a 60-foot birdie putt that started in one direction and slid into the cup from the other. He made three straight bogeys on the back nine, a rarity for him when he's in the lead.

And none of it mattered.

The outcome was never in doubt at the Buick Invitational, only the final score.

A 10-foot birdie on the 18th gave Woods a 1-under 71 and an eight-shot victory, the ninth time in his career that he has won by at least that many. It earned him a fourth straight title at Torrey Pines, a third straight PGA Tour victory and congratulations from the King.

It was his 62nd career victory, tying him with Arnold Palmer for fourth place on the tour list.

"I'm sure that there are many, many more coming in the future," Palmer said. "There isn't any question about that."

He won't get an argument from Woods. Having won for the fifth time in his last six starts on the PGA Tour, Woods said he was at another level — even better than 2000 — and still had room for improvement.

Better than 2000, when he won nine times and three straight majors?

"Yeah," Woods said without hesitation.

Woods finished at 19-under 269 to win the Buick Invitational for the fourth consecutive year, tying a PGA Tour record for consecutive wins in a single tournament. Woods is the only player to own such a streak at two events, having also won four in a row at Bay Hill.

He won for the fifth time in his last six starts. Throw in his Target World Challenge at the end of the year, and Woods has won his last three tournaments by a combined 23 shots.

"I'm starting to get better," he said. "I'm hitting shots that I never could hit before, even in 2000. People think, 'Yeah, you played great.' But I made everything. I'm actually hitting the ball better now than I did during that stretch."

Ryuji Imada won the B-flight. He matched the best score of the final round with a 67 and was the runner-up.

"My goal going into today was to finish second," Imada said. "That's almost like winning the golf tournament to me."

Woods returns to Torrey Pines in June for the U.S. Open, and if this week was any indication, it could be another long week for his peers. The world's No. 1 player now has won six times as a pro at Torrey Pines, and his comment earlier this month that the Grand Slam is "easily within reason" looked every bit of that.

"What he's going to do is screw the U.S. Open up for everyone else," Fred Couples said. "If he had shot 10 or 11 under, the USGA would have said, 'Well, maybe we have it in the right spot.' Now, they may have to regroup a little."

Then again, it might not matter.

The 71 ended Woods' streak of 14 consecutive rounds in the 60s, dating to the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship. He has finished no worse than second since the British Open in July, when he tied for 12th at Carnoustie.

Woods planned to leave Sunday night for the Dubai Desert Classic, and he likely won't return to the PGA Tour until the end of February at the Accenture Match Play Championship. Next in line on the career list is Ben Hogan with 64 victories, and each win moves Woods closer to the record 82 won by Sam Snead.

"You'd like to think it's surprising, but it's not," Charles Howell III said. "It's Tiger."

Woods is 6-of-12 in his PGA Tour debuts, but he has never won with such ease. He went back to work after the holidays, and it was as if last year never ended.

It was a powerful message to the rest of the PGA Tour, even if it was unintentional.

"They can look at it however they want to look at it," Woods said. "I know that I'm trying to win and trying to improve and trying to get better."

The only surprise was the weather, a pleasant one at that.

The forecast was for heavy rain overnight and into Sunday, with the possibility of a Monday finish. But the clouds cleared as Woods was warming up, and he played the front nine under brilliant blue skies. Only on the back nine did clouds return and temperatures plunge. He closed out his victory under a mixture of rain and clouds, and smile that showed all was right in his world.

Tiger Woods

"He's just much better," said Couples, who posted his first top-10 finish since the 2006 Masters. "It's fun to see. I've been on tour for 28 years, and I've never seen this stuff."

Rory Sabbatini also had a 67 to tie for third with Stewark Cink (73).

"I'd say this is the best I've seen him play," Cink said. "The last couple days, off the tee, the control he had was just really very impressive. The Tiger that we saw a year and two years ago, hitting it sort of all over the place, I think that's a thing of the past. He's got it geared down and he came out and played really well."

Holmes called 'fearsome' on the field, but gentle off it

Funeral held Sunday for former "Steel Curtain" member.

JASPER, Texas (AP) — Friends, family and former teammates remembered former Pittsburgh Steelers great Ernie Holmes as a man who was fearsome on the field but kind, gentle and passionately devout off it.

Holmes, who died in a car accident Jan. 17 between Beaumont and Nacogdoches, was part of the Steelers' famous defensive line, the "Steel Curtain," and helped the organization capture Super Bowl victories in 1975 and 1976. His funeral was Saturday in this southeast Texas town.

Dan Rooney, grandson of the organization's founder, credited the Steel Curtain with helping the franchise recover after "floundering" in the early 1970s.

Despite Holmes' fierce play and passion on the field, Holmes was a "gentle soul" who once dressed up as Santa Claus for the team's Christmas party and purchased gifts for all of his teammates' children, said fellow Steel Curtain member "Mean" Joe Greene.

Greene said Holmes was reading a Bible in a dorm room at training camp when they first met.

"That's the Ernie Holmes I knew," Greene said.

Holmes' family described him as a kind and loving brother and father who was fiercely devoted to his faith and his community — a devotion that inspired him to join the ministry.

Holmes, who was 59, was ordained at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in New Waverly in 2006 and became the youth minister and an assistant pastor.

"He was larger than life," said his daughter, Andrea Holmes. "Whatever he did, he did to the top."

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me to see him walking around? I really don't care how he's walking around," linebacker Tedy Bruschi said. "He'll be walking around fine Sunday."

Coach Bill Belichick, who spoke before Brady, was typically tight-lipped about the injury and Brady's status.

"We'll update our injury report on Wednesday," Belichick said with a smirk. "And, I look forward to it, too."

When Brady was asked, he grinned and said, "How's the ankle? What did coach say?"

The reporter responded with: "He said ask you."

Brady laughed and shook his head.

"Did he?" he said. "Wow, that's different."

Brady, wearing a navy, pinstriped suit and sweater vest, his white shirt open at the collar, smiled throughout the news conference and was in a playful mood. Asked about the ankle once again, he interrupted the reporter and said, "Last question of the week."

THE ankle has been the subject of endless rumors and gossip since THE quarterback was caught on camera last week heading up the steps of a town house to see his girlfriend, flowers in hand.

"I was just trying to get into the house as fast as I could," Brady said. "I was trying to hobble along. It kind of caught me off guard."

Later that day and on Tuesday, he wasn't wearing the boot when photographed.

"It's just part of the world we're living in," he said. "Those places I went for refuge, I guess I can't go anymore. If we were 0-16, nobody would (care)."

Probably not, but the MVP quarterback is one of the most closely watched athletes in all of sports.

"Yeah, it's been an interesting week," he said. "I'm much lighter on my toes than I thought."

Brady also issued a playful warning: "Don't any of you chase me around. I won't be nearly as nice as I was last week."

While Brady appeared comfortable and at ease at the podium, Belichick was his usual gruff, monotone self — except when he talked glowingly about Brady, Bruschi, the Giants and the scheduled halftime performer, Tom Petty.

"I think it's great," he said of Petty, with a half-smile. "I wish I could stand out there and listen to it, but I'll have some of his CDs playing in my office this week. That'll put me in the mood: "Free Fallin'."

Belichick made no revelations — surprise! — during the more than 20 minutes, but insisted he doesn't despise dealing with the media each day during the week leading up to the big game.

"Not at all," he said. "I think you have a job to do and you are our connection between our football team, our fans, and the people who have an interest in the game. I respect the job that you do and hope that you respect the job I do."

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people say, "I remember her."

I also do it to kind of tease former athletes who are still in the area. That's why I asked that question about Sasha.

I couldn't wait to walk into the credit union after that column ran to see her response. She smiled and said, "Thanks," but her tone was a bit sarcastic. She told me she took some ribbing from friends who came up to her and asked whatever happened to her.

Today, I think about that same question, and it isn't funny. It hurts. It hurts badly.

And it's going to take a while for this hurt to go away.

She was 26. He was 22. Lord, that's too young. Much too young.

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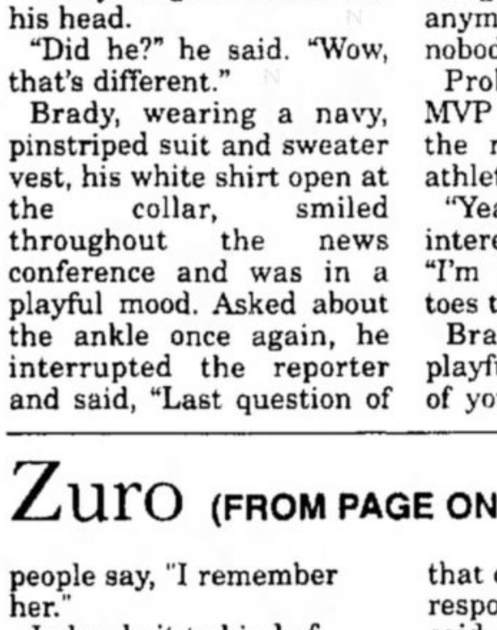

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SPORTS DIGEST

California edges Bentworth, 50-45

CALIFORNIA — California High School topped Bentworth, 50-45, in a non-section battle of top Class A boys' teams Saturday.

Bentworth (13-6) jumped out to a 14-7 lead before California (14-4) battled back to take a slim 23-20 halftime lead.

The Bearcats regained the lead, 32-30, going into the fourth quarter. However, the Trojans outscored the Bearcats 20-13 in the final period to win the game.

California was led by Ben Carson and Travis VanOlst with 14 points each while teammate Donte Valentino added 11.

For Bentworth, Jon Kennedy scored a game-high 23 points.

Ringgold swamped by West Mifflin

Ringgold's girls' basketball team will visit Keystone Oaks tonight in hopes of reversing a 69-27 non-section shellacking at the hands of highly-regarded West Mifflin Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Rams (15-6) fell behind 18-7 after one quarter and trailed 34-14 at halftime.

West Mifflin (18-3) was never in trouble as four players hit for double figures, including Raven Metz (13 points), Amanda Kranick (12), Jocelyn Peterkin (10) and Taylor Fulton (10).

Nobody reached double figures for Ringgold as Alina Selby and Emily Schartner each scored eight points.

Cal men top Lock Haven, 72-64

LOCK HAVEN — Ali Mbaye scored a team- and game-high 16 points and added nine rebounds leading the California men's basketball team (12-4, 3-0) to a 72-64 win at Lock Haven Saturday in a PSAC WEST contest.

Theron Colao added 12 points for the Vulcans along with five rebounds and a five of seven afternoon from the free throw line.

Billy Arre netted 14 points and seven rebounds leading the Bald Eagles who shot only 45.1 percent from the field and 66.7 percent from the foul line.

California shot 53.5 percent for the game from the field but shot nearly 67 percent in the second half. The Vulcans also converted 24 of 30 chances from the charity stripe.

The Vulcans return to action Wednesday as they travel to Slippery Rock for their third straight road game. Tip off is set for 8 p.m.

Cal women roll to 77-46 win

LOCK HAVEN.- Amber Dubyak recorded her second consecutive double double as California improved to 16-2 and a perfect 3-0 in the PSAC-West with a 77-46 win over Lock Haven Saturday at the Thomas Field House.

Dubyak scored 10 points and added a team- and game-high 11 rebounds for her second double double in as many games while junior guard Lindsay Johnson scored a team- and game-high 19 points.

Once again the Vulcans recorded at least three different players in double figures, this time there were five players. In addition to Johnson and Dubyak, Kayla Smith and Brooque Williams both scored 16 points while transfer Shaquetta Mance added 12.

Kristin Kudrick recorded 19 points for the Bald Eagles, shooting six of eight from the field and seven of eight from the charity stripe.

California opened the game with an 18-4 run over the first 9:30 of the game never surrendering the lead. The Vulcans extended the lead to 21 three times during the first half including at the buzzer when Dubyak hit one of her two three pointers.

In the second half California controlled the pace and slowly increased their lead to as many as 34 with 2:37 left on the clock.

California held the advantage on the boards 42-25 and allowed only eight offensive rebounds for the Bald Eagles.

California returns to action Wednesday when they travel to Slippery Rock to take on The Rock at 6 p.m.

Serra skaters star in all-star game

The Northeast Conference All-Stars avenged last year's 7-4 loss to the Southeast by turning the tables and winning the 2008 Class A All-Star game by the same score, 7-4.

The Serra Catholic due of Josh Werner and Mike Puskar led the way for the Northeast, who never trailed in the win. Werner and Puskar combined for 5 points on the afternoon while Cory Beam led all players with 3 hits and added an assist in the win. Puskar led all scorers in the game with 3 points (1 goal, 2 assists).

Steve Derewonko, Serra Catholic's standout goaltender, stopped all 10 shots he faced in the first period.

Werner scored the first of his two goals late in the first period to extend the Northeast Conference lead to 2-0 as the teams headed into the first intermission. Puskar scored early in the second period after he beat defenseman Noah Zamagias wide and scored on Zach Taylor.

Eighteen seconds later Werner notched his second goal when Puskar backhanded a pass in traffic to him and Werner placed a perfect back hand shot on Taylor.

Puskar and Werner both claimed stars of the game with Josh Werner picking up the No. 1 star and Puskar the No. 3 star of the game.

New scoreboard for Ram swimmers

When Ringgold host Charleroi Tuesday in a swim meet, the school will use its new six-lane LED scoreboard.

The hi-tech scoreboard has sensor touchpads to accurately calculate times in order to achieve more exact scoring during competition. The scores will be displayed on an 11-by-9 foot screen.

The scoreboard also contains a panel displaying the school name and logo.

Tuesday's match begins at 6 p.m.

Trivia answer

New Orleans has hosted eight Super Bowls.

SPORTS

High school boys' basketball rankings

Pennsylvania high school boys' basketball rankings from The Patriot-News of Harrisburg for the week of Jan. 27, with school's district in parentheses, followed by the school's record and last year's final ranking. NR means not ranked. Honorable mention teams listed alphabetically.

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Chester	(1)	19-1	1
2. Pennsbury	(1)	21-1	2
3. Reading	(3)	22-0	3
4. McKeesport	(7)	16-1	4
5. Ridley	(1)	18-3	6
6. Conestoga	(1)	17-4	8
7. Lower Merion	(1)	16-5	7
8. Pittsburgh CC	(7)	18-3	5
9. Schenley	(8)	18-2	9
10. Norristown	(1)	22-0	10

Teams to watch

Allentown Allen (11) 16-5; Bethlehem Liberty (11) 19-3; Cathedral Prep (10) 14-5; Central Dauphin East (3) 19-2; Easton (11) 18-3; McDowell (10) 17-2; North Allegheny (7) 19-2; Penn Wood (1) 16-5.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Commun. Tech	(12)	16-2	1
2. Susquehanna Twp.	(3)	20-1	2
3. General McLane	(10)	17-3	3
4. Chartiers Valley	(7)	20-2	4
5. Greencastle-Antrim	(3)	19-2	5
6. Hopewell	(7)	16-4	9
7. Highlands	(7)	16-4	NR
8. Steel-High	(3)	14-5	7
9. West York	(3)	16-5	8
10. Franklin	(10)	15-4	NR

Teams to watch

Blackhawk (7) 15-5; Crestwood (2) 15-4; Franklin Learning Center (12) 13-1; Great Valley (1) 16-5; Holy Ghost Prep (1) 18-3; Holy Redeemer (2) 13-5; Milton (4) 19-2; Shamokin (4) 18-2.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Prep Charter	(12)	13-4	1
2. Imhotep	(12)	17-2	2
3. Strawberry Mansion	(12)	12-4	3
4. Beaver Falls	(7)	16-3	4
5. Jeannette	(7)	14-3	5
6. North East	(10)	18-1	7
7. Aliquippa	(7)	14-7	6
8. Columbia	(3)	20-1	8
9. Farrell	(10)	16-3	9
10. Hughesville	(4)	17-2	10

Teams to watch

Bishop McCort (6) 14-4; Delone Catholic (3) 19-2; Holy Cross (2) 16-2; Milton Hershey (3) 17-3; Northern Lehigh (11) 19-3; Trinity (3) 13-7; Wyoming Seminary (2) 15-1; York Catholic (3) 16-6.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Serra Catholic	(7)	19-1	1
2. Scotland	(3)	13-3	2
3. Girard College	(1)	13-3	3
4. Coudersport	(9)	19-0	4
5. ND-East Stroudsburg	(11)	14-6	5
6. Kennedy Catholic	(10)	11-8	6
7. DuBois CC	(9)	18-2	8
8. Faith Christian	(1)	16-3	9
9. North Penn	(4)	18-1	NR
10. Elk County Catholic	(9)	16-3	10

Teams to watch: Bishop Guilfoyle (6) 14-6; High Point Baptist (3) 17-2; Keystone (9) 16-3; Pius X (11) 13-6; Rocky Grove (9) 17-1; Saltsburg (6) 16-2; West Middlesex (10) 15-4; Williamsburg (6) 17-3.

High school girls' basketball rankings

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Abington Heights	(2)	20-0	1
2. Downingtown East	(1)	19-1	2
3. Mt. Lebanon	(7)	20-1	3
4. Methacton	(1)	22-0	5
5. Butler	(7)	21-1	6
6. Wilson	(3)	18-3	7
7. Central Dauphin	(3)	15-6	8
8. Spring-Ford	(1)	21-2	10
9. Bethlehem Liberty	(11)	16-3	9
10. Conestoga	(1)	16-4	4

Teams to watch

Allentown Allen (11) 16-3, Central Mountain (6) 17-0 Hollidaysburg (6) 15-3, New Castle (7) 15-4, Northampton (11) 15-3, Norwin (7) 20-0, Pocono Mountain East (11) 18-1, State College (6) 15-3.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Mount St. Joseph	(1)	18-1	1
2. Allentown CC	(11)	17-2	2
3. Mercyhurst Prep	(10)	18-1	3
4. Villa Maria Academy	(1)	14-4	4
5. Hampton	(7)	19-2	5
6. Eng. & Science	(12)	15-2	6
7. General McLane	(10)	16-3	7
8. Lewistown	(6)	17-2	8
9. Hopewell	(7)	16-3	9
10. West Mifflin	(7)	18-3	10

Teams to watch: Bellefonte (6) 15-4, Blue Mountain (11) 21-2, Bolling Springs (3) 19-2, Elizabeth Forward (7) 18-4, Indiana (7) 19-2, Lampeter-Strasburg (3) 19-2, Selinsgrove (4) 18-1.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Villa Maria	(10)	16-3	1
2. Trinity	(3)	17-3	2
3. York Catholic	(3)	21-1	3
4. Bishop McCort	(6)	18-1	4
5. OLSH	(7)	19-1	5
6. Washington	(7)	20-1	6
7. Girard	(10)	17-2	7
8. Schuylkill Valley	(3)	18-3	8
9. Northern Cambria	(6)	19-1	9
10. Bodine	(12)	13-4	10

Teams to watch: Conemaugh Twp. (5) 19-1, Dunmore (2) 19-1, East Juniata (4) 19-1, Loyalsock (4) 17-0, North Star (5) 18-2, Penns Valley (6) 14-5.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Pittsburgh N. Catholic	(7)	17-3	1
2. Monessen	(7)	21-0	2
3. Bishop Guilfoyle	(6)	17-2	3
4. Marian Catholic	(11)	18-1	4
5. Nativity BVM	(11)	19-2	5
6. Farrell	(10)	16-2	6
7. Reading CC	(3)	18-3	7
8. Eisenhower	(10)	14-4	8
9. Penns Manor	(6)	15-3	9
10. Elk County Catholic	(9)	18-1	10

Teams to watch: Coudersport (9) 17-2, Ferndale (6) 17-3, Geibel (7) 14-5, Keystone (9) 18-2, Saltsburg (6) 14-6, Williamsburg (6) 16-3.

Derrick Caracter and Louisville will face Connecticut at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

7 p.m. - ESPN - Louisville at Connecticut, college basketball.

7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Tennessee at Duke, women's college basketball.

7 p.m. - Fox Sports - AHL All-Star game, hockey.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, college basketball.

11 p.m. - ESPN2 - Cal Poly-SLO at Pacific, college basketball.

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	3	0	13	4
California	3	0	12	4
IUP	2	1	10	8
Clarion	2	2	10	8
Slippery Rock	1	2	3	14
Lock Haven	1	3	1	17
Shippensburg	0	4	6	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Kutztown	4	0	12	5
Cheyney	3	1	10	6
E. Stroudsburg	2	1	13	4
Millersville	2	1	13	5
West Chester	1	2	9	8
Mansfield	0	3	12	6
Bloomsburg	0	4	8	10

Saturday

Kutztown 67, Bloomsburg 52
California 72, Lock Haven 64
Cheyney 82, Mansfield 77
Clarion 89, Shippensburg 80
West Chester 56, East Stroudsburg 54
Edinboro 80, IUP 60
Millersville 68, District of Columbia 59

Wednesday

Bloomsburg at West Chester
California at Slippery Rock
Millersville at Cheyney
Clarion at Edinboro
E. Stroudsburg at Mansfield
Shippensburg at IUP
Kutztown at District of Columbia

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	3	0	18	1
California	3	0	16	2
Shippensburg	2	2	14	5
Clarion	2	2	12	6
Edinboro	1	2	11	6
Slippery Rock	1	2	7	11
Lock Haven	0	4	5	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	3	0	13	4
East Stroudsburg	2	0	8	8
West Chester	1	1	9	7
Kutzown	1	2	8	10
Bloomsburg	1	2	5	12
Cheyney	1	2	4	12
Mansfield	0	2	5	12

Saturday

Kutztown 71, Bloomsburg 52
California 77, Lock Haven 46
Cheyney 66, Mansfield 51
Clarion 72, Shippensburg 58
West Chester 67, E. Stroudsburg 54
IUP 85, Edinboro 81

Sunday

Millersville 83, Columbia Union 51

Wednesday

Bloomsburg at West Chester
California at Slippery Rock
Millersville at Cheyney
Clarion at Edinboro
E. Stroudsburg at Mansfield
Shippensburg at IUP

Cal U lineups

Men

California - 72

Logan, 3-2-8; Banks, 2-3-7; Mbaye, 5-6-16; Johnson, 1-2-4; Brooks, 2-3-8; Sawyer, 0-0-0; Hairston, 4-3-11; Berenato, 0-0-0; Vaughn, 0-0-0; Colao, 3-5-12; Parker, 3-0-6. Totals: FG-23(43), F-24(30), T-72.

Lock Haven - 64

Arre, 5-3-14; Mortimer, 4-5-13; Zimmer, 3-0-7; Eveillard, 0-1-1; McClean, 5-0-11; Blackwell, 0-0-0; Spence, 2-0-6; Bolton, 0-0-0; Palmer, 2-1-5; Hanna, 2-0-6. Totals: FG-23(51), F-10(15), T-64.

Three-pointers: Cal - Brooks, Calao; LH - Spence 2, Hanna 2, Arre, Zimmer, McClean, Palmer.

Halftime: 34-22, Cal.

Women

California - 77

Smith, 5-6-16; Johnson, 4-8-19; Williams, 5-6-16; Andrews, 0-0-0; Dubyak, 4-0-10; Benick, 2-0-4; Mance, 5-2-12; DiPietro, 0-0-0. Totals: FG-25(51), F-22(38), T-77.

Lock Haven - 46

Wynn, 0-0-0; Kudrick, 6-7-19; Elliott, 1-2-4; Kelshaw, 2-5-9; Donelan, 2-0-4; Miller, 1-0-2; May, 0-0-0; Dry, 0-0-0; Smith, 0-0-0; Mitchell, 3-0-6; Kendall, 0-0-0; Finneran, 0-2-2. Totals: FG-15(57), F-16(21), T-46.

Three-pointers: Cal - Johnson 3, Dubyak 2.

Halftime: 42-21, Cal.

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	8	0	20	2
Keystone Oaks	7	1	12	9
Ringgold	4	4	7	15
South Park	3	5	8	12
Trinity	2	6	5	14
McGuffey	0	8	3	16

Tuesday

Ringgold at Keystone Oaks
Trinity at South Park
Chartiers Valley at McGuffey

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	7	1	16	5
Steel Valley	5	3	13	5
West Mifflin	4	4	9	9
Thomas Jefferson	4	4	6	12
Yough	3	5	7	13
Elizabeth Forwaid	1	7	5	16

Tuesday

Belle Vernon Area at Elizabeth Fwd.
Steel Valley at Yough
Thomas Jefferson at West Mifflin

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	12	0	17	4
Washington	10	2	16	6
Burgettstown	8	4	15	5
Brownsville	6	6	10	12
Charleroi	6	6	11	10
C-Houston	5	7	11	10
Waynesburg	1	11	3	16
Beth-Center	0	12	3	18

Tuesday

Monessen at Washington
Charleroi at Burgettstown
Beth-Center at Brownsville
Chartiers-Houston at Waynesburg

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	9	0	14	4
Carmichaels	6	2	14	4
Geibel	4	4	5	12
Mapletown	4	4	10	10
Jeff-Morgan	1	7	5	16
West Greene	1	7	2	14

Saturday

Mapletown 53, Geibel 42
California 50, Bentworth 45

Tuesday

Jefferson-Morgan at California
Geibel at Carmichaels
West Greene at Mapletown

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	10	0	19	1
Bentworth	7	3	13	6
Clairton	7	3	10	8
Cornell	5	5	11	8
Sacred Heart	5	6	6	15
Avella	2	9	7	13
Frazier	0	10	2	17

Today

Avella at Waynesburg

Tuesday

Bentworth at Avella
Clairton at Frazier
Cornell at Serra Catholic

High school girls' standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	7	1	15	6
Chartiers Valley	7	1	14	6
West Allegheny	5	3	10	10
Keystone Oaks	3	5	6	13
McGuffey	2	6	7	13
Waynesburg	0	8	4	15

Saturday

West Mifflin 69, Ringgold 27

Today

Ringgold at Keystone Oaks
Chartiers Valley at McGuffey
Waynesburg at West Allegheny

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	8	0	18	3
Elizabeth Forward	6	2	18	4
Thomas Jefferson	6	2	10	10
Steel Valley	2	6	9	11
Belle Vernon Area	2	6	5	16
Yough	0	8	7	14

Saturday

Laurel Highlands 55, BVA 48

Today

Belle Vernon Area at Elizabeth Fwd.
Steel Valley at Yough
Thomas Jefferson at West Mifflin

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	10	0	20	1
Beth-Center	7	4	14	6
Charleroi	6	4	11	10
Brownsville	6	5	14	8
Bentworth	5	5	11	9
C-Houston	1	9	5	17
Burgettstown	1	9	4	18

Today

Charleroi at C-Houston
Burgettstown at Brownsville
Bentworth at Washington

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	8	0	14	5
Carmichaels	7	1	11	9
Mapletown	4	4	11	6
California	3	5	7	12
West Greene	1	7	1	19
Jeff-Morgan	1	7	3	18

Today

Jeff-Morgan at California
Geibel at Carmichaels

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	9	0	21	0
Serra	6	2	12	5
Clairton	5	4	9	7
Avella	4	4	10	8
Trinity Christian	2	7	5	14
Frazier	0	9	0	21

Saturday

Monessen 68, Trinity 48
Serra 70, East Allegheny 23

Today

Avella at Monessen
Serra at Trinity Christian

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NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	18	3	59	125	115
Philadelphia	27	16	5	59	160	138
Pittsburgh	27	18	4	58	143	133
N.Y. Islanders	24	20	6	54	124	141
N.Y. Rangers	24	21	6	54	124	129

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	31	15	4	66	174	145
Montreal	26	15	8	60	154	136
Boston	25	19	5	55	129	133
Buffalo	21	21	6	48	142	139
Toronto	20	23	8	48	142	164

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	24	24	4	52	158	170
Washington	23	22	5	51	147	156
Atlanta	23	25	4	50	141	175
Florida	22	24	5	49	130	147
Tampa Bay	20	25	5	45	145	168

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	37	10	4	78	174	110
Columbus	25	20	6	56	128	126
Nashville	25	20	5	55	146	138
St. Louis	22	19	7	51	123	136
Chicago	23	23	4	50	139	143

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	28	19	3	59	138	138
Calgary	25	17	8	58	146	143
Vancouver	26	19	5	57	131	121
Colorado	26	20	4	56	138	138
Edmonton	23	24	5	51	140	158

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	20	5	61	154	138
San Jose	27	15	7	61	129	119
Anaheim	27	20	6	60	135	137
Phoenix	26	21	2	54	135	134
Los Angeles	20	29	2	42	143	169

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Sunday's Games

Eastern All-Stars 8, Western All-Stars 7

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Boston, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	26	1	0	52
Wooster	14	10	2	30
Mon Valley	10	14	3	23
Jamestown	11	17	0	22
Valley Forge	7	19	2	16

Sunday

Indiana 13, Mon Valley 1

College basketball

MEN

EAST

Army 69, Navy 67
Binghamton 69, Maine 58
Marist 66, Canisius 44
New Hampshire 74, Hartford 59
Niagara 73, Fairfield 61
Princeton 60, Dominican, N.Y. 46
Rider 76, St. Peter's 67
Seton Hall 64, Cincinnati 61
Siena 64, Iona 51
Syracuse 71, Providence 64
Wagner 71, Fairleigh Dickinson 67
Xavier 77, Massachusetts 65

SOUTH

Duke 93, Maryland 84
ETSU 92, North Florida 68
Fla. International 75, New Orleans 62
Florida 86, Vanderbilt 64
Georgia Tech 92, Virginia 82, OT
Jacksonville 68, S.C.-Upstate 51
Louisiana-Lafayette 87, Troy 66
Miami 75, Clemson 72
Middle Tennessee 69, North Texas 60
South Alabama 71, Denver 33
W. Kentucky 77, Arkansas St. 68

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 63, N. Illinois 59
Illinois 70, Northwestern 37
Illinois St. 65, Indiana St. 62
Kent St. 67, W. Michigan 58
Michigan St. 77, Michigan 62

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Little Rock 80, Florida Atlantic 76

FAR WEST

Idaho St. 69, N. Arizona 67

WOMEN

Army 58, Navy 49
Canisius 73, St. Peter's 68
Duquesne 66, Fordham 42
Iona 64, Fairfield 57
James Madison 60, Towson 56
Marist 85, Loyola, Md. 59
Niagara 69, Manhattan 62
Old Dominion 76, Delaware 37
Pittsburgh 76, Louisville 67
Rider 77, Siena 73, OT
Temple 48, Rhode Island 34
William & Mary 54, Drexel 50

SOUTH

Auburn 62, Alabama 48
East Carolina 59, Marshall 57
Florida 60, South Carolina 57
Georgia St. 77, Northeastern 74
LSU 72, Kentucky 46
N.C. State 63, Wake Forest 38
Savannah St. 56, Longwood 52
South Alabama 48, Denver 40
Troy 63, Louisiana-Lafayette 54
UAB 72, Memphis 66
UNC-Wilmington 63, George Mason 47
Va. Commonwealth 71, Hofstra 46
Vanderbilt 83, Mississippi 50

MIDWEST

Connecticut 81, Notre Dame 64
Drake 66, N. Iowa 63
Illinois St. 71, Wichita St. 53
Indiana St. 78, Missouri St. 55
Iowa 66, Michigan 61
Minnesota 81, Michigan St. 69
Purdue 71, Illinois 59
Saint Louis 60, Richmond 55
Wisconsin 75, Northwestern 45

High school lineups

GIRLS

Monessen - 68

Chukweudo, 3-3-9; Mornak, 2-4-9; Stepoli, 7-4-18; Minardi, 4-6-14; Popovich, 3-1-7; Beveridge, 4-1-11; Diggs, 0-0-0. Totals: FG-23, F-19(29), T-48.

Trinity - 48

Gilmore, 3-0-9; Swiat, 1-0-3; Phillips, 1-2-5; Morran, 1-2-4; McCaffrey, 4-7-16; Lucas, 1-0-2; Hatfield, 1-0-3; Hunsberger, 3-0-6. Totals: FG-15, F-11(14), T-48.

Score by quarters:

Trinity	6	11	9	22 - 48
Monessen	9	16	18	25 - 68

Three-pointers: Trin - Gilmore 3, Swiat, Phillips, McCaffrey, Hatfield; Mon - Beveridge 2, Mornak.

West Mifflin - 69

Fulton, 6-0-12; Louckas, 2-0-5; Peterkin, 3-4-10; Poupakis, 3-0-7; Baker, 1-1-4; Metz, 4-3-13; Kranick, 3-5-12; Pitts, 3-0-6. Totals: FG-25, F-13(31), T-69.

Ringgold - 27

Affinito, 0-0-0; Schartner, 2-4-8; Selby, 3-2-8; Resanovich, 0-0-0; Leach, 1-0-2; Meizner, 2-0-4; Pantojas, 0-1-1; Spano, 0-0-0; Laidley, 0-0-0; Gourn, 1-2-4. Totals: FG-9, F-9(17), T-27

Score by quarters:

Ringgold	7	7	9	4 - 27
West Mifflin	18	16	15	20 - 69

Three-pointers: WM - Metz 2, Louckas, Baker, Kranick, Poupakis.

BOYS

California - 50

Carson, 4-4-14; VanOlst, 6-2-14; Valentino, 4-2-10; Michaux, 2-2-8; Tyler, 1-0-2; Booth, 1-0-2. Totals: FG-18, F-10(11), T-50.

Bentworth - 45

Jon Kennedy, 8-6-23; Joe Kennedy, 3-3-9; Selvoski, 2-0-4; Jansante, 1-1-3; Sevcik, 1-2-4; Roman, 1-0-2. Totals: FG-16, F-12(15), T-45.

Score by quarters:

Bentworth	14	6	12	13 - 45
California	7	16	7	20 - 50

Three-pointers: Bent - Jon Kennedy; Cal - Michaux 2, Carson.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	8	.810	—
Toronto	24	19	.558	10 1/2
New Jersey	18	26	.409	17
Philadelphia	17	28	.378	18 1/2
New York	14	29	.326	20 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	28	18	.609	—
Washington	23	19	.548	3
Atlanta	18	22	.450	7
Charlotte	17	27	.386	10
Miami	9	33	.214	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	31	13	.705	—
Cleveland	24	19	.558	6 1/2
Indiana	19	26	.422	12 1/2
Milwaukee	18	27	.400	13 1/2
Chicago	17	26	.395	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	31	12	.721	—
Dallas	30	13	.698	1
San Antonio	28	14	.667	2 1/2
Houston	24	20	.545	7 1/2
Memphis	13	31	.295	18 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	26	17	.605	—
Portland	26	18	.591	1/2
Utah	26	18	.591	1/2
Seattle	9	35	.205	17 1/2
Minnesota	8	35	.186	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	32	13	.711	—
L.A. Lakers	27	15	.643	3 1/2
Golden State	27	18	.600	5
Sacramento	19	24	.442	12
L.A. Clippers	13	27	.325	16 1/2

Saturday's Games

Miami 98, Indiana 96
Philadelphia 103, Charlotte 96
Memphis 125, L.A. Clippers 120, OT
New Orleans 102, San Antonio 78

Sunday's Games

Phoenix 88, Chicago 77
Orlando 96, Boston 93
Cleveland 98, L.A. Lakers 95
Portland 94, Atlanta 93
Milwaukee 105, Washington 102, OT
Dallas 90, Denver 85
Minnesota 98, New Jersey 95
Utah 97, Houston 89
Sacramento 103, Seattle 101
Golden State 106, New York 104

Today's Games

Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Youth hockey

The Mon Valley Thunder Midget A Major Team played two games on Sunday.

In the first game, the Thunder skated to a 7-7 tie against Morgantown. Robbie Wright scored 5 goals and added an assist. Erik Vogt had 1 goal and 3 assists Charlie Gilchrist scored 1 goal and had 1 assist. Joe Guarnoni had 2 assists while Dan Jezerski, Jay Leppo, and Brian Cook added an assist.

In the second game, the Thunder lost 5-4 in the final seconds of the game. Leading the way for the Thunder were Erik Vogt and Charlie Gilchrist, each with two goals. Leppo, Wright, and Paul Fleming each added an assist.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Utah is just 4-12 straight up and vs. the spread its last 16 games when playing the second of back to back games. San Antonio is coming off a 24 point loss at home to New Orleans. The Spurs have to be an angry and embarrassed basketball team. Head coach Gregg Popovich will definitely have his players ready tonight. Take San Antonio +2 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb 3		
Super Bowl XLII		
University of Phoenix Stadium-Glendale, AZ.		
New England	12 (54)	NY Giants

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
NEW ORLEANS	7	Denver
Dallas	6	MEMPHIS
UTAH	2	San Antonio
LA CLIPPERS	4 1/2	Charlotte

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
GONZAGA	24	Portland
OKLAHOMA	8 1/2	Oklahoma State
FRESNO STATE	2	Boise State
St. Mary's, CA	7 1/2	SAN DIEGO
SAN FRAN	2	Santa Clara
PACIFIC	13	Cal Poly SLO
CONNECTICUT	1 1/2	Louisville
Georgia So.	3 1/2	W. CAROLINA
WOFFORD	2	Charleston
APP. ST	13 1/2	Elon

Sports moves

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Fined New England NT Vince Wilfork $5,000 for unnecessary roughness during the AFC championship game.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Named Terry Robiskie receivers coach, Ray Hamilton defensive line coach, Gerald Brown running backs coach and Glenn Thomas offensive quality control coach.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Promoted Scott Campbell to director of player personnel.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled F Daniel Carcillo and D Matt Jones from San Antonio (AHL).

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Claimed F Kris Beech off waivers from Washington.

NHL

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the All-Star game.

Before the game, there was much talk about who wouldn't be there. Crosby, the defending NHL MVP and scoring champion pulled out due to a sprained ankle, and starting goalies Martin Brodeur and Roberto Luongo both withdrew for personal reasons.

Even Dany Heatley, another former Thrashers star, sat out because of a separated shoulder. Of the 42 players who came to Atlanta, 15 made their All-Star debut.

Real early it looked as though it would be a night for the West when Nash scored. The East then took charge with five straight goals, including two by Washington's Alex Ovechkin — Crosby's rival for top player in the NHL.

"We came out a bit slow and they took it to us," Nash said.

After the West erased a 5-1 deficit and went ahead 7-6, Staal and Savard put the East on top in the Deep South.

Ovechkin made an early bid for MVP honors, followed by Nash, and even goalie Evgeni Nabokov. In the end, Savard stole the show. The play-making forward, second in the NHL in assists, buried the puck behind first-timer Manny Legace just when it seemed overtime was inevitable.

It also made a winner of Tim Thomas, his Bruins teammate who took Brodeur's place on the team just days before the game.

Not bad considering he gave up four goals in the first 10:57 of the frenetic third period.

Ryan Getzlaf cut the West's deficit to 5-4 just 41 seconds into the third, and Nash completed his hat trick 1:15 later to tie it.

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NO, Wii IS A VIDEO GAME!
OUR OTHER RESOLUTION WAS TO SIMPLIFY OUR LIFE.
I HEAR IT'S EASY TO USE!
Johnson 1/28
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WHAT?! YOU MEAN I READ A BOOK WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE TO?!!
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IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN TAKE?
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NO THANKS!
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MISS OOOLA! MISS OOOLA!
ARLO? TAKE IT EASY! WHAT'S WRONG?
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ANDY, I THINK I'LL WRITE A NOTE AND TIE IT TO YOUR COLLAR... IF I DON'T GET TO THE POLICE, MAYBE YOU CAN!
JACK ELROD 1-28

The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 A question of time
5 Oath
8 Bell sound
12 Honda rival
13 Just scrape by
14 Small hill
15 No, to Fraulein
16 Stool pigeons
18 Dependable
20 Iowa town
21 Sorority letter
22 Go quickly
23 Asana practicers
26 Milk cow
29 Dreaded czar
30 Cleans fish
31 Candied goody
33 Forty winks
34 TV's Hawkeye
35 Vegas rival
36 Like some crystal
38 Move a little
39 Non-rusting metal
40 UPS truck
41 Nerve network
43 Dreams of
46 Stumble across (2 wds.)
48 Charged particles
50 "Lucky Jim" author
51 Rite answer? (2 wds.)
52 Comics dog
53 Ernie's Muppet friend
54 Cooking spray brand
55 Monsieur's pate

DOWN

1 Unnaturally pale
2 Colors
3 Blue-pencil
4 Bowling piece
5 "Rigoletto" composer
6 Not super
7 Use a hose
8 Fusses with makeup
9 Berlin single
10 Questions
11 Brown of big bands
17 Carnivals
19 Happy sighs
22 Catherine — - Jones
23 Complement of 28 Down
24 Like some bath rugs
25 Yawn
26 Wynonna or Naomi
27 Looked at
28 Masculine principle
30 Campbell of music
32 Stooge with bangs
34 So long!
35 Grow abundantly (2 wds.)
37 Bear witness
38 Cote sound
40 Snake toxin
41 Tiber city
42 Sheik colleague
43 Jedi trainer
44 Twig juncture
45 Tizzy
46 Semi front
47 Dice spot
49 Drop in on

Answer to Previous Puzzle

R	E	V	S		V	I	S	A		B	O	B
O	D	I	E		E	N	I	D		A	G	A
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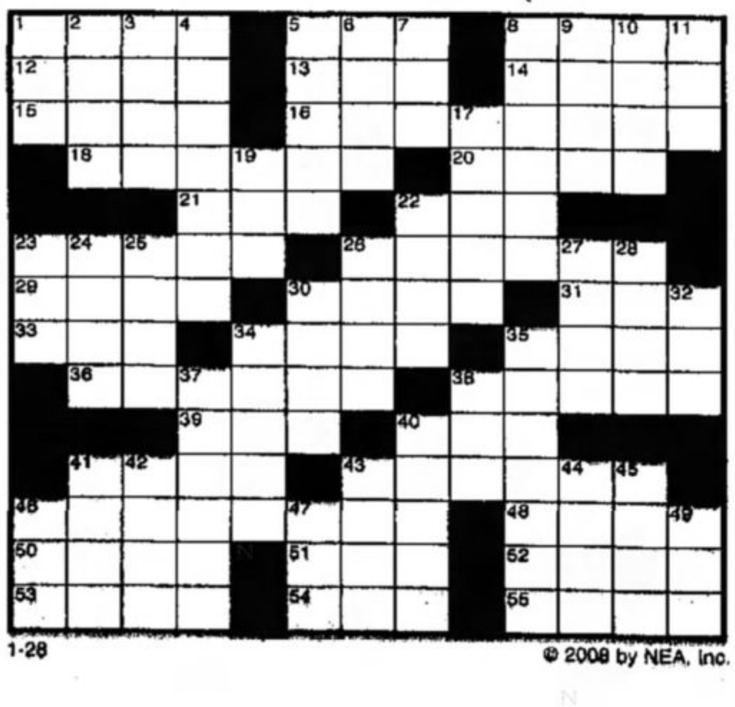

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Wife says hubby's all wet when it comes to apologies

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: My husband believes an apology is required only if the action requiring one is intentional. For example, if my husband opens the windows and then turns on the sprinklers, allowing water into the living room, he thinks he doesn't need to apologize for causing the ensuing mess because he didn't do it intentionally.

I believe an apology is necessary, not just for an accident, but for anything that causes inconvenience to another person.

What are your thoughts? — **IRRITATED IN IRVING, TEXAS**

DEAR IRRITATED: It seems you have married someone who's a little rough around the edges. If your husband opens a window, turns on the sprinklers and causes your drapes, furniture or carpet to become wet, he owes you an apology for the inconvenience he caused. To do otherwise implies an insensitivity to your feelings. My question would be, Is your husband also this way when it comes to other things?

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 28-year-old woman. In the past, many men have cheated on me. I have been dating a wonderful man for three years now. Things would be great if I didn't always worry about him possibly cheating, too. When I can't find him, I panic. I always think the worst, then I wind up confronting him and upsetting him.

I can't seem to get past the feeling that one day he will also be unfaithful. I wish I could trust him, but I'm afraid to be made a fool of again.

Is being with this man hopeless? — **ALWAYS SUSPICIOUS, JAMAICA, N.Y.**

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: Your problem is less that you feel you can't trust your boyfriend than that you can't trust your own judgment. As the 49ers learned more than a century ago, you have to sift through a lot of gravel before you find a gold nugget, and it's the same with dating.

You appear to have finally picked a winner. Please give him the benefit of the doubt before your insecurities cause you to create a self-fulfilling prophecy.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter will be 16 in a few weeks. My problem is I can't seem to let her go anywhere unless an adult is present. It's not that I don't trust her, because I do. It's her friends. I love my daughter very much and wish I could trust her to make the right choice, but a friend could cause her to make the wrong one.

I think I am too strict with her, and I need to give her some running room, but I'm scared to. She's a good kid and makes good grades. What should I do? — **CAN'T LET GO, RIPLEY, MISS.**

DEAR CAN'T: Part of being a conscientious parent is learning to let go. Recognize that in two years, your daughter will be 18 and legally an adult. Because she has shown responsible behavior, allow her doses of freedom in baby steps that will give both of you time to adjust to it.

Birds of a feather usually flock together, so unless you have specific reasons for being worried about the company she keeps, recognize that it's time to permit your daughter to use the good judgment you have taught her and allow her some freedom.

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MONDAY EVENING

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	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) Evening News/ (7) Entertain/ (10) Childrn-Hosp	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition	How I Met Your Mother "The Third Wheel" Two beautiful women.	Two and a Half Men Alan sets up Charlie.	State of the Union The president addresses Congress.			Rules of Engagement "Bag Ladies" Jeff seeks bedroom creativity.	News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Jessica Alba; Julie Chen; the Whigs. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Denis Leary; Bonnie Somerville. (N)		(2) Extra (N)/ (7) The Insider (N)/ (10) Inside Edition	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Eric decides to go on the road.	(2) Paid/ (7) CBS Up to the Minute (N)/ (10) Two and a Half Men
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Dance War: Bruno vs. Carrie Ann (N)		State of the Union The president addresses Congress.			Samantha Who? Restraining order for Sam.	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune "Teen Best Friends"	American Gladiators A high-school teacher competes against a medical sales rep; a wrestling coach competes against a chiropractor. (N)		State of the Union The president addresses Congress.			The Office "Local Ad" Branch staff works on a company ad.	News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark David Benyamine; Allen Cunningham; Jennifer Harman; Phil Ivey; Barry Greenstein, Eli Elezra.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld Jerry gives Elaine Indian statue.	Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles "Pilot" Sarah takes her son to a small town in New Mexico.		State of the Union The president addresses Congress.			(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) Honeymoon With Mom (2006)/ (53) Scrubs	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	On Q	Antiques Roadshow "Orlando, Florida" (N)		State of the Union The president addresses Congress.				Charlie Rose (N)		On Q	Black Horizons	Nature "Parrots in the Land of Oz"		Masterpiece "Mansfield Park"	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Gossip Girl "Gossip Girl Revealed" (N)		Aliens in America	The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call		Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Globetrotters		Celebrity Exposé		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The Time Is Now!		The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.								The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.							
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Movie				Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami		Intervention "Emily"		Intervention "Tressa" (N)		Paranormal	Paranormal	The Other Nostradamus		Intervention "Emily"		Intervention "Tressa"		Paranormal	Paranormal
ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Kyle XY "Great Expectations"		Wildfire (N)		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Kyle XY "Great Expectations"		Paid	Paid	Precious in His Sight	
AMC	★ ★ ★ ½ The Hunt for Red October (1990)				★ ★ ★ ½ The Matrix (1999) A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.						Breaking Bad		★ ★ ★ ★ Planet of the Apes (1968)					Breaking Bad
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		The Most Extreme "Births"		Orangutan Island		The Natural World		Animal Precinct (N)		Orangutan Island		The Natural World		Animal Precinct		The Most Extreme "Births"	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			Hell Date	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Comicview		Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BETJ Special	BETJ Special
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel		Project Runway "On Garde!"		Project Runway		Inside the Actors Studio		★ ★ ★ School Ties (1992)	
CMT	Home Videos	Home Videos	Gone Country		The 2007 Miss America Pageant From Las Vegas.				Little Beauties: Kiddie Queen		Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Deal or No Deal		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		Deal or No Deal		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		State of the Union Coverage		State of the Union The president addresses Congress.				Anderson Cooper 360		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★ ½ White Coats (2004)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Reel Comedy	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Freak Show	Freak Show
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Murder by the Book (N)		The Investigators		Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Murder by the Book	
CSPAN	Today in Washington				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Behind The Great Wall				Bone Detectives		MythBusters		Behind The Great Wall				Bone Detectives	
DISNEY	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	★ ★ Beethoven's 4th (2001)			That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Wildest Wed	The Soup	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Fashion Police: SAG Awards		Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	Fashion Police: SAG Awards		E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	The Soup	12 Sexiest Hollywood Jobs		Kardashians	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Louisville at Connecticut.				College Basketball Oklahoma State at Oklahoma.				SportsCenter		NFL Live	SportsCenter	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Schwab	Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing	Boxing	Who's Number 1?		American Gladiators		Bull Riding: Ride Hard Tour			Boxing	Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	2007 World Series of Poker		Women's College Basketball Tennessee at Duke.				NFL's Greatest Game From Jan. 14, 1996.		Super Bowl		College Basketball Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo at Pacific.				2007 World Series of Poker		Poker	PBA Bowling
EWTN	One-Hearts	Being Human	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Best of Mother Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live		Good Eats	Secret Life of	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-in	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Panthers	SportsBeat	AHL Hockey All-Star Game. From Binghamton, N.Y.						SportsBeat	Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		SportsBeat	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★ ★ Fantastic Four (2005)				★ ★ ★ The Italian Job (2003) A thief and his crew plan to steal back their gold.						★ ★ ½ Secret Window (2004)				'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid	CorEvolution
GOLF	Play Lessons	Golf Hawaii	Jebel Ali Challenge Highlights		Top 10	Golf Central	Tiger and Phil	Tiger World	The Turn (N)	Learning	Tiger World	Golf Central	Golf Hawaii	Tiger and Phil	The Turn	Learning	Tiger World	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Matlock: The Fortune (1993)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Offbeat Amer.	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Color Splash	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me (N)	House	My First Place	Designed-Sell	Color Splash	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me
HIST	Cities of the Underworld		Modern Marvels		Cities of the Underworld		Cities of the Underworld (N)		Ancient Discoveries (N)		Devil's Island: Hell on Earth		Cities of the Underworld		Cities of the Underworld		Ancient Discoveries	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	★ ★ ½ Due East (2002)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		MSNBC Documentary		MSNBC Documentary		Countdown-Olbermann		MSNBC Documentary		MSNBC Documentary	
MTV	True Life	Life of Ryan	Making the Band 4		Making the Band 4		Battle of the Sexes Band		Making the Band 4 (N)		America's Best Dance Crew Casting Special				Making the Band 4		Real World-Road Rules	
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	Roseanne	Roseanne	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		The Tyra Banks Show		Husband for Hire (2008)			
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs										PA Public Affairs				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	TBA	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News	News	News	Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Tactics (N)	Tactics (N)	Noein	Noein	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "Two Fathers"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		★ ★ Tommy Boy (1995)				CSI: NY "All Access"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager "Twisted"		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Sex and City	Sex and City	★ ★ I Spy (2002)				★ ½ The Whole Ten Yards	
TCM	★ ★ ★ Please Don't Eat the Daisies (1960)				★ ★ ★ ½ I See a Dark Stranger (1946)				★ ★ ★ ½ That Hamilton Woman (1941)				★ ★ ½ The Red Pony (1949) Premiere.				★ The Squall (1929)	
TLC	Property Ladder		Kids by the Dozen		Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Duggars' Big Family Album		Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Duggars' Big Family Album		Kids by the Dozen	
TNT	Law & Order "Sheltered"		Law & Order		Law & Order "Embedded"		Law & Order "Hindsight"		Law & Order "Murder Book"		The Closer "Four to Eight"		Without a Trace		Without a Trace		Without a Trace "In Extremis	
TOON	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Foster	Courage-Dog	Grim Advent.	Gym Partner	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Boondocks	Boondocks	Death Note	Bleach	Fooly Cooly	Family Guy	Boondocks
TRAVEL	Colorado: River		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Michael Palin's New Europe		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Michael Palin's New Europe		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Anthony Bourdain	
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Designing	Designing	Designing	Designing	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		WWE Monday Night Raw				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Monk Monk must find a killer.		7 Seconds (2005)	
VH1	Scott Baio 46	My Fair Brady	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Celebrity Rehab		Celebrity Rehab		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		My Fair Brady	Scott Baio 46	Celebrity Rehab		Best Week	Hogan Knows
VS.	NHL Hockey All-Star Game.		World Extreme Cagefighting				★ ★ ½ The Karate Kid (1984)						★ ★ ½ The Karate Kid (1984)				CountdowntoSports	
WE	American Princess		★ ★ ★ Baby Boom (1987)				Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		★ ★ ★ Baby Boom (1987)			
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Vi		America's Funniest Home Vi		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	★ ★ ½ She-Devil (1989)				★ ★ ★ Death Becomes Her (1992)		★ ★ ½ Legends of the Fall (1994)						★ ★ ★ Carlito's Way (1993)					★ Tomcats
HBO	★ ★ The Big Bounce (2004)		REAL Sports		Real Time With Bill Maher		Conchords	In Treatment	★ ★ ½ We Are Marshall (2006)				In Treatment	Comedy Jam	★ ★ Snakes on a Plane (2006)			
MAX	MAX on Set	★ ★ Dead Silence (2007)			★ ★ ★ ½ Three Kings (1999)				★ ½ The Number 23 (2007)			Best Sex Ever	★ ★ Dead Silence (2007)			The Best Sex Ever 6: Naughty by Nature		
SHOW	★ ★ ½ Nacho Libre (2006)				★ ★ ½ Return to Paradise (1998)				The L Word Bette is jealous.		★ ★ ½ The Confessor (2004)			Gilbert Gottfried: Dirty Jokes		★ ★ ½ The School of Flesh (1998)		
STARZ	Head Case	Hollywd Res.	★ ★ ★ High Fidelity (2000)				★ ★ Catch and Release (2007)				★ ★ ★ The Prestige (2006)				★ ★ ★ Stranger Than Fiction (2006)			
TMC	★ ★ ½ The Designated Mourner (1997)				★ ★ Small Town Gay Bar (2006)			★ ★ Man About Town (2006)			Keeping Up	★ ★ Sliding Doors (1998)				Urban Legends: Bloody Mary (2005)		

FEATURES

ODDS & ENDS

Duckbilled dinosaur coming back to N.D.

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Dakota the duckbilled dinosaur is coming home.

The 65-million-year-old fossilized hadrosaur found in North Dakota's Badlands a decade ago has been studied by paleontologists, had its innards scanned by NASA and starred in a *National Geographic* television documentary.

The dinosaur, expected to arrive Friday in a big truck, will be ready for public display in the State Historical Society of North Dakota in Bismarck in early June.

The body portion weighs 8,000 pounds, and another portion weighs 1,500 pounds, including the tail. A third part, including a leg, is much smaller.

Unlike most collections of bones found in museums, this hadrosaur came complete with fossilized skin, ligaments, tendons and possibly some internal organs, according to researchers.

"To have something that was found here in North Dakota come back here to the Heritage Center is so great to have happen," said Merl Paaverud, the center's director. "It'll be wonderful for our kids."

The dinosaur was discovered in 1999 near Marmarth by Tyler Lyson, 24, who spotted its bony tail while hiking on his uncle's ranch.

Frugal Living

New uses for bubble wrap

Sara **NOEL**

For years, I've applied plastic to our windows, during winter, to keep the draft out.

It's not a fun job, and the plastic kits get costly. I love the first tip below. Plenty of stores and manufacturers throw it away, so you can probably get it for free by checking your local yellow pages and making a few calls. You can post an ad to Craigslist (www.craigslist.org) or Freecycle (www.freecycle.org), too. It's easy to install, and you don't have to worry about ruining your woodwork when you remove it. Best of all, you can reuse it.

WINDOW INSULATION: I have bubble wrapped nearly all of my windows. A lot of our windows are north facing and really suck the heat out, so this is great insulation — even on new windows! I do use clear plastic insulation on my windows that face the street so I can see out, and the sun shines there most of the day. — **Dianne, Tennessee**

Note from Sara: Visit Build It Solar for pictures and instructions (www.builditsolar.com/Projects/Conservation/bubblewrap.htm).

FREEZE EGGS: I was sick of throwing out eggs all the time and decided to freeze some. I added one teaspoon salt to five whole eggs and whipped up with a whisk. I did a total of 20 large eggs. When I filled my ice-cube trays, I came up with 40 cubes exactly, so two cubes equals one large egg. They wouldn't pop out, so next time I'll spray the ice-cube tray with cooking spray first. — **Dee, New York**

SCENTED SHEETS: I put five drops of rose essential oil on an old washcloth and threw it in the dryer with my sheets. When I started the dryer, I didn't think I had enough on the washcloth to make the sheets smell quite as rosy as I wanted. But wow, they sure do smell rosy. — **Countrymom, e-mail**

RECYCLE CONTAINERS: You can cover Pringles chips cans with contac paper/shelving paper and use them to hold wax-coated paper cups or plastic grocery bags. — **Ashley, New Mexico**

KIDS' CUTS: To give toddlers haircuts, seat them in a high chair so they're limited in movement. I give my son candy or something else he usually doesn't get to play with or eat to keep him busy. — **Sherry, Minnesota**

CLEAN OVEN GREASE: For grease that spills in the oven, sprinkle salt over the mess and let it soak it up/dry it up, then brush the salt up. — **Heather, New York**

HOMEMADE HAIR CARE: A lot of shampoos and conditioners are very "heavy" for most people's hair. Unless you have coarse, curly or severely processed hair, you don't need all that so-called moisturizing. Try a dime- or nickel-size drop of olive oil with your shampoo. No need to condition after shampooing. Olive oil also makes a great bath/shower moisturizer for your skin. Just pat yourself dry. Be careful — the tub can get a little slick! — **Raven, Maryland**

GEL PACK: Make a softer ice pack for children by mixing three parts water and one part rubbing alcohol. Seal it in a freezer bag, then place it in a second bag and put it in the freezer. — **Jeanie, Pennsylvania**

EASY CLEANUP: Cut a vinyl place mat the shape as the tray on your child's high chair. When it's time to clean up, pull up the place mat and wipe the food into the trash. A shower curtain works great for a drop cloth on the floor, too. — **Lori, Illinois**

EGG TEST: Sometimes during holidays, I forget which eggs in my fridge are hard-boiled or raw. I do the spin test. Hard-boiled eggs spin, and raw eggs don't. — **Melanie, Nebraska**

DENTED FLOORS: Place a wet cloth on the dented area and then use an iron on it. The heat and moisture will raise the grain. – **Carolyn, Nevada**

KETCHUP WITH YA SOON!: Reuse condiment dispensers for cake decorating and water toys. – **Michelle, Texas**

DEALS ON APPLIANCES: Ask for discounts on floor models that might have minor surface scratches. – **Michelle, e-mail**

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CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

- Public CPR instructions, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.
- Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Tax help available

A tax representative will be at the Monessen City Building, 100 Third Street, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday to provide local earned income tax assistance on wage tax.

Clothing giveaway set

The Church of Jesus Christ, Sixth St., Monongahela, is having a free clothing giveaway 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Firefighters plan meeting

The Fayette County Firemen's Association will meet 8 p.m. Saturday at the Masontown Volunteer Fire Department.

Spaghetti dinner set

Marion Presbyterian Church, 207 Perry Ave., Fairhope, will hold its annual candlelight spaghetti dinner noon to 6 p.m. Saturday. For advance tickets, contact a church member or call (724) 929-4795. Takeouts will be available. Baked goods will be sold.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: I equals P

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Picketline no problem for SAG

A-list actors turned out for awards presented by their union.

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES – "No Country for Old Men" emerged as the Oscars favorite Sunday by taking top honors for overall cast along with Javier Bardem's supporting-actor prize at the Screen Actors Guild Awards.

It was the lone gathering of A-list stars in an awards season hobbled by the writers strike.

Bardem had kind words for Joel and Ethan Coen, who directed "No Country" and adapted the screenplay from Cormac McCarthy's novel.

The native of Spain won the same honor at the Golden Globes, and has been universally praised for his chilling role as a relentless killer tracking a fortune in missing drug money.

"This is Javier Bardem's 497th award," said co-star Josh Brolin in the acceptance speech for the film's cast prize, the equivalent of best picture honors. "It's sad, sad for the rest of us."

Past Oscar winners Daniel Day-Lewis of "There Will Be Blood" and Julie Christie of "Away From Her" won the lead-acting honors, also giving them a boost to win the same trophies at the Academy Awards on Feb. 24. Day-Lewis dedicated his win to Heath Ledger, the 28-year-old Australian actor who was found dead in his Manhattan loft last week.

"In 'Brokeback Mountain,' he was unique, he was perfect," said Day-Lewis, already an Oscar winner for "My Left Foot." "That scene in the trailer at the end of the film is as moving as anything I think I've ever seen."

Two weeks after the glam-free Golden Globes "news conference," the presence Sunday night of blue-chip Hollywood stars such as presenter Tom Cruise, a pregnant Cate Blanchett, and Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (in a flowing, is-she-or-isn't-she dress that did little to quell twins rumors) reminded that the SAGs may stand as the highlight of Hollywood's film-honors season – if the writers strike undermines the Oscars, that is.

But the SAG show itself was generally free of labor talk, with only Christie addressing the matter openly among the winners.

Associated Press

Spanish actor Javier Bardem accepts the award Sunday for outstanding performance by a male actor in a supporting role for his work in "No Country for Old Men," at the 14th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles. The film was the big winner.

"It's lovely to receive an award from your own union," she said, "especially at a time when we're being so forcefully reminded how important unions are."

Actors bid fond farewell to one of TV's most-acclaimed series ever as "The Sopranos" swept the dramatic categories, grabbing the lead-acting honors for James Gandolfini and Edie Falco and, minutes later, the overall cast award.

Ruby Dee won supporting actress for "American Gangster." She shared fond thoughts of her late husband and frequent acting partner, Ossie Davis, who died in 2005.

"I accept it also for my husband Ossie," the 83-year-old Dee said, "because he's working on things up there."

Though its last episode aired several months ago, "The Sopranos" grabbed all three TV drama categories to open the ceremony.

"Ten years ... I wish for everybody in every walk of life, but particularly for actors, to have the opportunity to have a work experience like I have had with my family here," Falco said.

"You're not supposed to get this attached because it's a transient business. I have fallen in love with these people and I don't know how you walk away from that."

Minutes before, Gandolfini took the first trophy of the night in a star-studded ceremony – something of an anomaly in this strike-hobbled awards season.

"This is our last official act as Sopranos together," Gandolfini said. "Here's to you guys. Thank you very much. It's been 10 years. It's been an honor. That's all I can say."

For comedy series, Alec Baldwin and Tina Fey were the lead-acting winners for "30 Rock," while "The Office" won for best ensemble.

Normally a lesser cousin to the Golden Globes and Oscars, the SAG Awards could end up being the biggest celebration this time around: The swanky Globes were canceled because of a strike by the Writers Guild of America, which refused to let its members work on the show, and the fate of the Oscars on Feb. 24 is in question because of the same labor quarrel.

Not so for the SAG honors. The actors union has been steadfast in support of striking writers, who in turn gave their blessing to the SAG ceremony.

Instead of the debacle for the Globes, which were curtailed to a star-free news conference after actors and filmmakers made it clear they would not cross writers' picket lines, the SAG ceremony came off with a full complement of Hollywood A-listers.

"We're really proud of the solidarity we've built with the Writers Guild," said Alan Rosenberg, SAG president.

"Our members have understood that and taken it to heart. I was really moved by their decision not to go to the Golden Globes, our nominees. It's tough times, but it's been gratifying, as well."

Backstage, Fey said the writers strike leaves "30 Rock" at risk because the show is a critical success but not necessarily a huge hit with viewers.

"We are exactly the kind of show that's put in jeopardy by the strike," Fey said.

The obligatory package of clips to honor stars who died in the past year took on more immediacy, ending with a moment from "Brokeback Mountain" featuring Ledger. The cause of his death had not yet been determined.

The guild presented its life-achievement award to Charles Durning, whose credits include "The Sting," "Tootsie" and "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

"There's nothing more gratifying than having an achievement award from one's peers," Durning said. "Over 50 years ago, I had the honor of working with some of the best actors, directors and writers in our industry. It's been a dream come true."

The guild's first-ever prizes for best stunt ensemble went to "The Bourne Ultimatum" for films and "24" for TV before the ceremony began.

On Saturday, "No Country" won top honors at the Directors Guild of America Awards for the Coen brothers; the winner there usually goes on to take home the directing Oscar.

As with the Golden Globes, the Writers Guild has made it clear that its members would not be allowed to work on the Oscars. While stars generally have said they would skip the show rather than cross picket lines, Oscar organizers insist their telecast will take place as scheduled.

Amy Ryan, a SAG and Oscar supporting-actress nominee for "Gone Baby Gone," said at the Directors Guild awards Saturday that she would not cross a picket line to attend the Oscars.

"I hope it ends but, more, I hope the writers get their due," Ryan said. "I think that, at the end of the day, is more important than a party. But I really hope it works out because I'd like to go to the party."

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You have taken your long last journey
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4.
Today recalls sad memories
Of our dear one gone to rest
And the ones who think of you today,
Are the ones who love you best.

5.
Within our hearts we'll always keep
A special place for you
And try to do our best to live
As you would want us to.
We loved you so, we miss you,
In our memory you are near
Loved, remembered and longed for,
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7.
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Deep in our hearts - memory is kept,
To love, cherish and never forget.

8.
Our hearts are heavy,
Our thoughts are all of thee,
How we really miss you, dear,
No one but God can see.
Some say time heals an aching heart,
But, no, it isn't true,
For many long years have passed
And our hearts still ache for you.

9.
Memories are treasures no one can steal,
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Loved dearly in life and living yet,
In the hearts of the ones who will
never forget.

10.
No one knows how much we miss you,
No one knows the bitter pain
We have suffered since we lost you,
Life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day, dear loved one
That we do not think of you.

11.
Tonight the stars are gleaming
Upon a lonely grave,
Where sleeps one without dreaming
The one we loved but could not save.
The rolling streams of life pass on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the smile, the love, the voice,
Of the one who once sat there.

12.
Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear;
Fond memories linger every day
Remembrance keeps them near.

13.
Gone, dear loved one, gone forever
How we miss your smiling face,
But you left us to remember,
None on earth can take your place.
A happy home we once enjoyed,
How sweet the memory still,
But death has left a loneliness,
The world can never fill.

14.
The depth of sorrow we cannot tell,
Of the loss of one we loved so well,
And while you sleep, a peaceful sleep,
Your memory we shall always keep.

15.
I formed a mental picture
Of the one I loved so dear,
He (She) went to meet his (her) Maker
Without a trace of fear.
Sometime I hope to join him (her),
What a meeting that will be,
When we are again united
Beyond life's sea of dreams.

16.
Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our eyes shed many tears,
God only knows how much we miss you
At the end of these long years,
And when evening shadows are falling,
And we are sitting all alone,
There comes to us a longing,
If only you could come home.

17.
Peacefully sleeping, resting at last,
His (hers) weary troubles and trials past,
In silence he (she) suffered,
In patience he (she) bore,
'Til God called him (her) home
To suffer no more.

18.
When links of life are broken
And loved ones have to part,
It leaves a wound that never heals
An ever aching heart,
So it does not take a special day,
To bring him (her) to our minds
For days that we do not think of him (her)
Are very hard to find.

19.
Within our store of memories,
He (she) holds a place apart.
For no one else can ever be
More cherished in our hearts.

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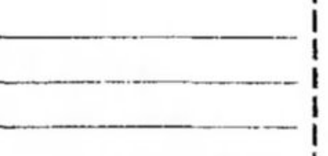

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NEWS

Voters divided on what Bush will say tonight

Some say they don't plan to watch State of the Union address.

By JUSTIN VELLUCCI
For The Valley Independent
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John Farquhar says he'll probably watch President Bush give his final State of the Union address tonight, but he's not too optimistic about what he has to say.

"There's not a whole lot he can say that will fix this country," said Farquhar, of Fayette City. "What are you going to do?"

Farquhar isn't the only one waiting to hear Bush talk money. The economy topped the list of election-year issues Pennsylvanians cited in this month's Franklin & Marshall College poll. The Iraq war, health care and homeland security filled out the top spots.

In the Mon Valley, some folks want Bush to address escalating fuel prices.

"They are just out of control and it affects everyone, everyday," said Bill Callaway, of Rostraver Township.

Jerry Shuster, a political communications professor at the University of Pittsburgh, said Bush has "to come up with very tangible solutions," to deal with the problems facing this country.

Analysts expect Bush to tout a proposed $100 billion economic stimulus package that would give most Americans $300 to $1,200 in tax rebates this year.

"It is appropriate and good policy now to be trying to stimulate the economy," said Robert Dye, senior economist with PNC Financial Services. "They're trying to inject a little medicine into this ailing economy."

> "I voted for him (Bush), but we all make mistakes. I'm not going to waste my time listening to his nonsense."
>
> Jim Martin, Belle Vernon

But some people aren't convinced the tax rebates are such a great idea.

"I told my wife I'd take her on vacation, but who can afford to pay for the gas to go anywhere," Callaway said.

John Nealen, of Cambria County, who is currently working in the area, called both sides of government "thieving rats" and feels the value of a dollar is declining due to the poor state of the economy. He has no plans to watch the address tonight.

Jim Martin, of Belle Vernon, says he also won't be watching the president's speech tonight.

"I voted for him, but we all make mistakes," Martin said, adding he is endorsing Sen. Ron Paul, of Texas, for president. "I'm not going to waste my time listening to his nonsense."

Elsewhere in the area, others will be tuning in, and what people expect from Bush tonight might be influenced by their occupations.

The head of the Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce is curious to hear about small-business initiatives. The executive director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh wants Bush to promote "pro-life" policies.

What's on the mind of a Highmark representative? Health care.

"For us, it's both a federal focus and a statewide focus," Highmark spokesman Michael Weinstein said. "It's a high-priority issue, no matter how you cut it."

David DeAngelo, an independent, doubts Bush will say what he wants to hear — that troops are coming home from Iraq and veterans don't need to worry about the government slashing funds for their medical care.

"We're just all relieved it will be over soon," said DeAngelo, 44, of Shadyside, who writes about politics for the blog 2 Political Junkies. "The only act they really have left is to try to change the rules of the game, so they don't look like the worst presidency ever."

Christopher Clark, a National Guardsman who served in Kuwait and Iraq in 2004 and 2005, was less critical of Bush, but said someone needs to make important foreign policy decisions.

> "Bush is A-OK, as far as I'm concerned. I don't always agree with him, but from what I've seen in the past, I feel he's done a decent job."
>
> Rich Stampahar, Allegheny County GOP chairman

"I have my worries about the economy, but I would say my main issue would be the Iraq war, the war on terrorism," said Clark, 40, of Allison Park. "I'd like for him to say we're going to come up with something, a new idea. At this point, I don't know what we can do to make that situation better."

U.S. Rep Jason Altmire, D-McCandless, hopes Bush seeks the same spirit of bipartisanship needed to strike a deal on the economic stimulus package during talks on veterans' services, health care and education.

"It is important to focus on finding common ground and common-sense solutions," Altmire said.

Others — such as former Allegheny County GOP Chairman Rich Stampahar — said Bush's last year as president should not stray from the course he's followed the past seven years.

"Bush is A-OK, as far as I'm concerned," said Stampahar, 76, of O'Hara. "I don't agree always with Bush, (but) from what I've seen in the past, I feel he's done a decent job."

(Staff Writer Stacy Wolford contributed to this story.)

Stacy Wolford/The Valley Independent

Jim Martin, left, of Belle Vernon, and John Nealen, of Cambria County, agree they won't be watching President Bush give his final State of the Union address tonight.

Court ruling could end 'canned hunts'

Tribune-Review News Service

Since he began hunting in his early 20s, Dr. John Zora has looked forward to every opportunity to get away with friends and enjoy nature.

"I love going out in the woods to hunt," said Zora, 52, of Whitehall. "But all the great experiences I've had through the years didn't match the feeling of taking my 12-year-old son, Matthew, out hunting for the first time."

Zora's recent hunting excursion with his son was on a wild boar preserve in Butler County where they paid to bag prey in a fenced-in area.

Hunters and preserve operators are worried that a Dec. 27 state Supreme Court ruling could put an end to so-called "canned hunts."

"We've invested a substantial amount of time and money in this business, so we're certainly concerned about the impact the court's ruling could have on our operation," said Andy Krantz, whose 208-acre Double Boar Ranch outside of Clarion opened just a day after the court issued its ruling.

"I would have no problem with a certain amount of regulation, but they shouldn't be so excessive that it forces us out of business," he said.

The state Supreme Court ruling reclassified wild boars as "protected mammals," which means the state Game Commission will regulate how the animals are hunted.

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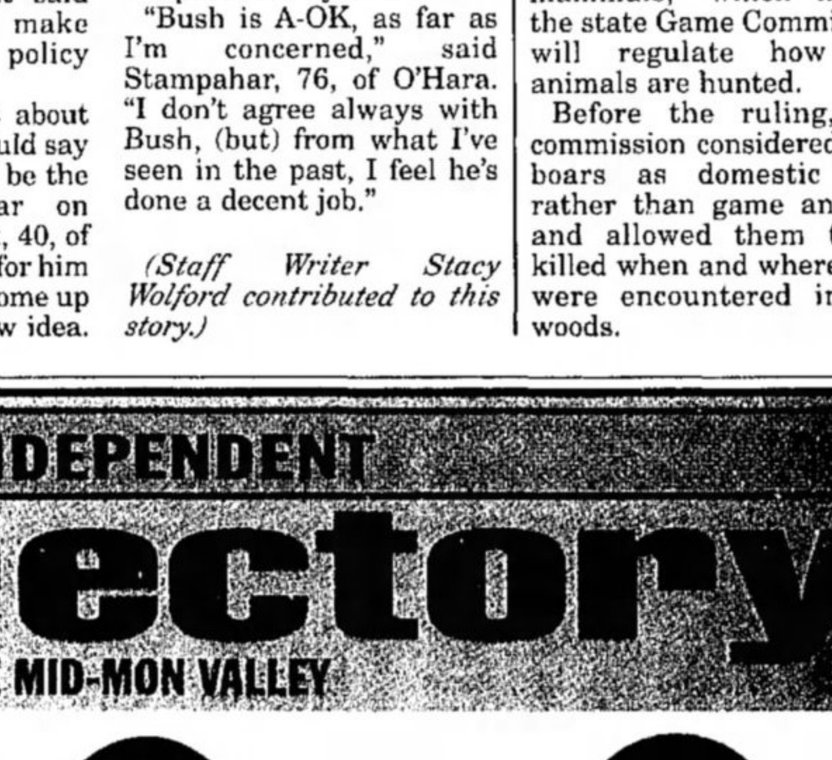

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Donna Bove
Authority Secretary
1/28

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Police Pension Fund of the City of Monongahela will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers for general purposes.

Brian Tempest
Police Pension Fund
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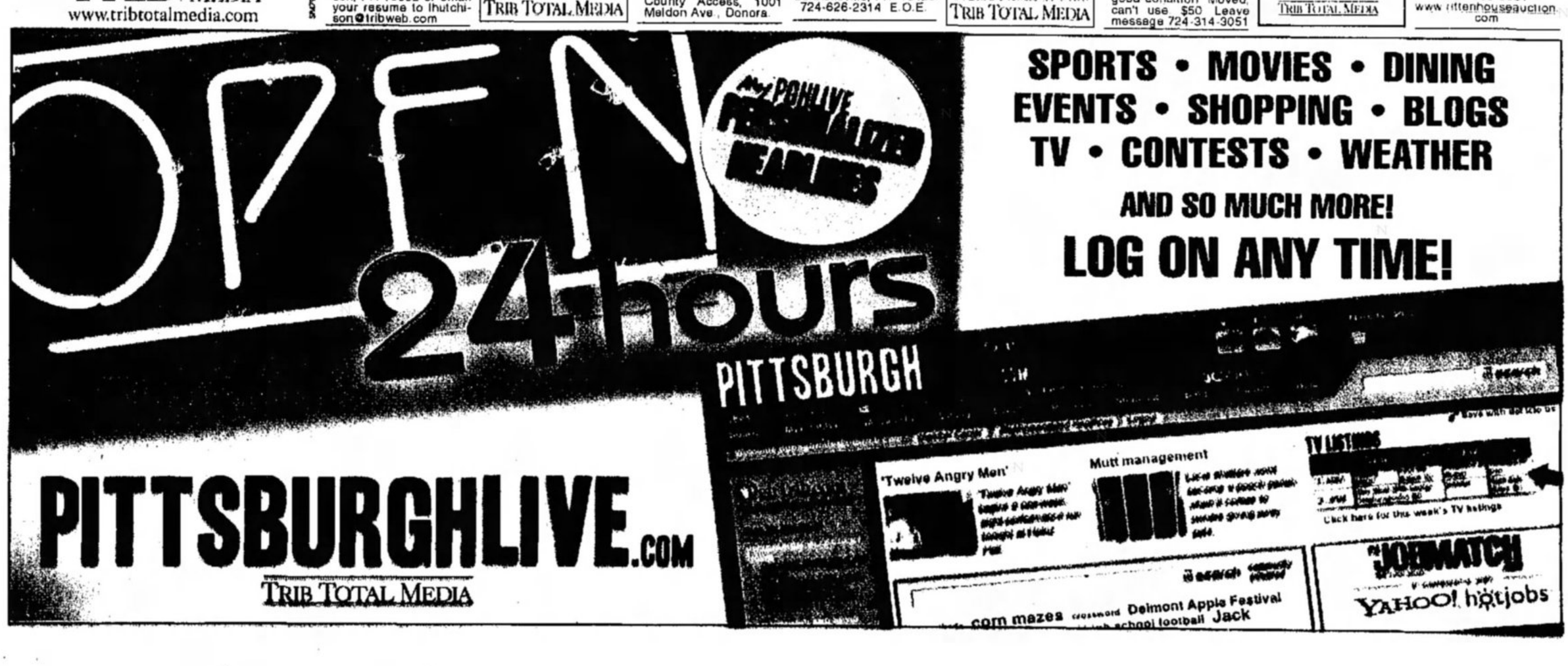

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Something opportune will develop, stemming from your own past hard work and effort. However, what makes this truly big is the involvement of an old friend who brings his or her luck to the project as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Elevate your expectations and anticipate good things to happen, because conditions look exceptionally hopeful for you. Any positive thinking you can lend to events will bolster things even further.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Substantial accomplishments are possible right now, although you may not initially think so, especially if you see challenges as being too tough. In reality, you're up to the task and can do quite well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Something that has turned out to be quite fortunate for a friend can be so for you as well, but in order to have the same outcome, you must first liberate your spirit of adventure and give it a try.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- In order to lessen the odds of failure, you should restrict your commercial involvements to persons or firms you know and trust. Conducting business with strangers could be hazardous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- The last person you would expect to go out of his or her way for you will turn out to be very helpful. It'll all be because of the wonderful, cooperative spirit you exhibit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't be reluctant to go out of your way for co-workers, because your efforts will not go unnoticed or unappreciated -- especially when you do things from the goodness of your heart, without any compensation in mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- It all depends upon the company you keep, but this could turn out to be a fortunate day, with friends of long-standing being the luckiest for you. Their good luck will rub off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Things that are normally inconvenient will not be considered any kind of imposition right now. Dig into those endeavors that had been a pain in the neck. They'll actually bring joy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Even though your plans meet with some resistance, don't scrap them. In fact, once you get past the first sign of this, you'll actually enjoy what needs to be done and garner success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- It's vital to be realistic with regard to your financial position. Only then can you make the necessary adjustments to get back on track and bring good fortune to yourself.

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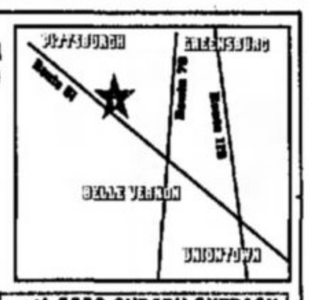

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